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GERMANY TO ATTEND LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IN LONDON

INTERCHANGES IN BERLIN

FRANCE PRESSING FOR THREE POINTS IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION ASKED OF CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION

London, To-day.
The diplomatic interchanges leading to Germany's acceptance of the invitation started yesterday morning in Berlin. Baron von Neurath, through the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, requested an assurance that Britain would do her utmost to ensure the discussions of their peace proposals.

Mr. Anthony Eden's reply in the afternoon promised to do the utmost to find a means of effecting a peaceful and satisfactory settlement, stating that it was impossible to give a more explicit undertaking at this stage. At the same time Mr. Eden personally requested Dr. von Hoesch to urge Germany to send her representatives as soon as possible.

The German acceptance followed promptly, distinctly improving the atmosphere, though leaving the fundamental question unchanged, as the French are still determined to obtain satisfaction before negotiation on the German proposals. France is at present pressing for:

FAIRLY GOOD PROGRESS "NEW SETTLEMENT" SOUGHT

DRAFT TEXTS BEING CONSIDERED

London, To-day.
Fairly good progress is stated to have been made at the meeting of the Locarno Powers yesterday evening. The draft texts submitted by all three delegations were carefully considered, and on this basis they endeavoured to work out a programme which will open up the possibility of reaching a "new settlement" in Western Europe. British circles insist that the object of the meetings of the Locarno Powers is simply to work out this programme and not to submit hard and fast proposals to the Council or to Germany.

Three stages in dealing with the crisis are visualised:

- (1) Preliminary discussions;
- (2) Reaching a basis for negotiations with Germany;
- (3) Actual negotiations.

The deliberations of the Locarno Powers have hitherto not gone beyond the first stage, but in arriving at the basis for negotiations they will endeavour to agree on a common draft drawn from the three texts now before them. — Reuter.

ELECTIONS IN EGYPT

Special Provision For Minority Parties

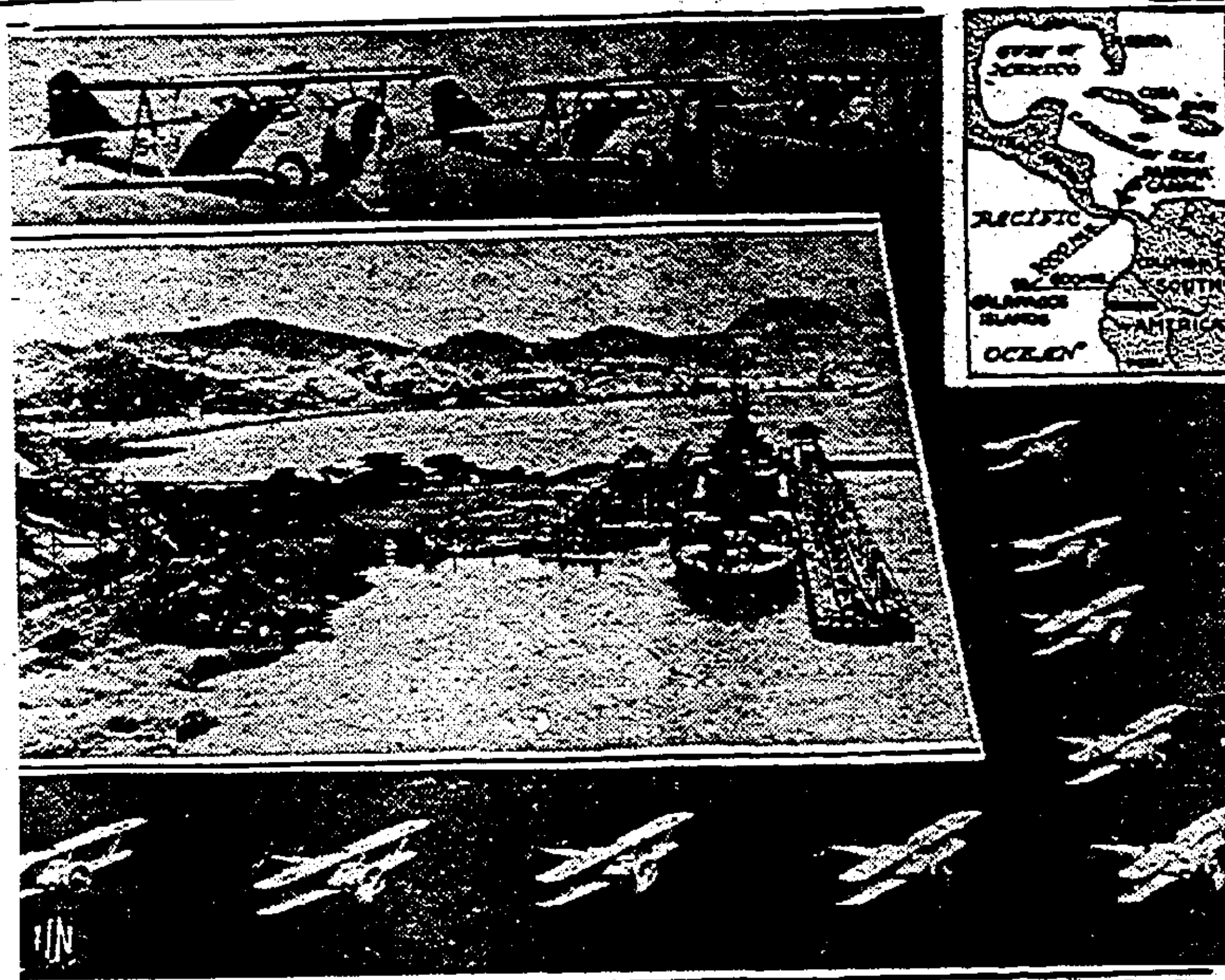
Cairo, To-day.

The Wafd Party has decided to leave 58 seats in the general election uncontested for the minority parties. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

FRENCH GENERAL ELECTION

First Ballot On April 26

Paris, To-day.
The first ballot in the French general election will take place on April 26 and the second ballot on May 3, if necessary. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.



The United States and Ecuador have completed diplomatic arrangements whereby 30 American Navy planes of the type shown above will be stationed at the Galapagos Islands, and used as their base for manoeuvres over the Panama Canal, shown centre. This marks the latest step in America's air-preparedness programme.

JAPANESE POLICY PRIME MINISTER ISSUES STATEMENT

Tokyo, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, after the approval of the Cabinet and Imperial sanction, has issued a statement in enunciation of Japan's policies.

He says that it has been the consistent policy of the Japanese Government to cultivate cordial relations with all countries on a basis of international good faith and justice; to promote well-being and common prosperity between Japan and the other Far Eastern countries, especially Manchukuo; and to carry out Japan's mission of a stabilising force in East Asia on the basis of the inseparable relationship with Manchukuo, thereby contributing towards the peace of the world and the welfare of mankind.

RAILWAYS IN KWANGTUNG

Connecting Swatow And Canton

PROPOSED SCHEME

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Several new railway lines may be constructed connecting Swatow in the East and Nanning in the West as a result of investigation by Mr. Chang Chia-ngau, Minister of Railways of the Nanking Government, who is due to return here to-day from Nanning by aeroplane.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government has mapped out and surveyed the proposed track from Canton to Swatow but lacks money to construct this line. Minister Chang is requested to finance the project under the auspices of his Ministry.

Another line is from Samshui to Nanning. Samshui is already connected with Canton by a railway of about 50 miles. The Ministry of Railways expects to secure more revenue when the through traffic of the Canton-Hankow line begins, and pindi; and of Mr. Gerardus Matrus Ryvanc, Consul for the Netherlands, and Miss Antonia Davidoff, of No. 207, Bubbling Well Road, Ascot Apartments, Shanghai.

Mr. Chang will leave here this afternoon or to-morrow by train for Hong Kong en route to Nanking. He will inspect the line from here to Kowloon. At Hong Kong he expects to meet British officials concerning the improvement of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

CLYDE BEAT ST. JOHNSTONE

Playing at home yesterday Clyde beat St. Johnstone by 3 goals to 1 in the senior Scottish League. — Reuter.

ESTIMATES ADOPTED

London, later: The House of Commons adopted the air estimates after rejecting by 170 votes to 47 a Labour motion to reduce the personnel. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S AIR DEFENCES

ESTIMATES TOTAL £39,000,000

FASTEST FIGHTING PLANE IN THE WORLD

London, To-day.

In his House of Commons speech yesterday on the air estimates totalling £39,000,000 — an increase of £13,013,000 over last year's estimates and the largest which Parliament has been asked to vote since the war — the Under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, revealed that the Royal Air Force had a single-seater fighter which has achieved speed of well over 300 miles an hour. Another which had just begun its flying trials, was confidently expected to give at least the same speed. The former type would now go straight into production and would be the fastest aircraft of this category in service in the world.

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ITALY AND JAPAN

FRIENDLY FEELINGS STRESSED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

Professor Tanke, a Japanese lecturer who is at present giving a series of lectures on commercial law at Rome University, read a message from Tokyo University at a general meeting of the Royal Academy here. In warm words the message expresses Japan's sympathy and friendly feelings for Italy. M. Marconi thanked the speaker in the name of the Royal Academy, voicing the hope that the cultural and scientific relations between the two countries would constantly grow stronger. — Trans-Ocean Service.

STOP PRESS

The death occurred to-day, at the Matilda Hospital, of Brigadier-General Samson, head of the Salvation Army in South China, after a long illness. The funeral will take place to-day at 5.30 p.m.

STATEMENT OF CASE TO-MORROW

VOTE ON VIOLATION OF LOCARNO TREATY

DR. VON HOESCH AS OBSERVER

London, To-day.

Germany has replied accepting the invitation in principle to come to London to attend the Council, on condition that she will have the right to negotiate her peace plans with the other Locarno Powers. A secret session of the Council is at present considering the reply. If the latter satisfies Herr Hitler the German delegation will reach London to-morrow, headed by Herr von Ribbentrop.

There were swift developments yesterday afternoon when it was learned that Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, yesterday communicated with Germany regarding Herr Hitler's second point, that his peace plans be discussed. Germany replied with prompt acceptance of the invitation, stating that Herr von Ribbentrop would be at the disposal of the Council to-morrow.

Dr. von Hoesch, German Ambassador in London, was invited to attend yesterday evening's meeting of the Council as an observer. A secret meeting of the Council in the afternoon discussed the German reply and decided that the vote on the Franco-Belgian motion affirming the violation of the peace treaty be taken to-morrow. On the same day the Germans will state their case, and the members of the Council will reserve the right to reply.

ACTION DEMANDED

Later: At the secret session of the Council the President, Mr. Stanley Bruce, Australian High Commissioner in London, said that he had urged Dr. von Hoesch to request Germany to expedite the arrival of their representatives in order to participate in to-day's deliberations.

The Council held a public session last evening. The first speaker, Rusta Aras (Turkey), said that as well as being the mediator the Council had a duty as the guarantor of security.

M. Litvinoff (Russia) declared that they could not struggle for collective organisation without measures against breaches of international obligations. The League could not be preserved if it accustomed an aggressor to ignore its admonitions and warnings.

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DEFEATED ARMY DISBANDED

Emperor's Anxiety Dispelled

TROOPS COMPULSORILY RECRUITED

Addis Ababa, To-day.

Troops are being compulsorily recruited in large parts of Abyssinia, since about 5,000 soldiers of the defeated armies simply went home, apparently thinking they were wanted no more. They have, however, together with the new recruits, been incorporated in the Negus's armies, and that of the hitherto undefeated commander of the southern army, Ras Nasibu.

Reports from Quorum state that several Italian planes carried out another bombardment on Monday.

ABYSSINIAN PROTEST
Geneva: A telegram has been received here by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations protesting against the use of gas and other gas bombs along the whole northern front and at the bombardment of open towns in the interior of the country by the Italians, this being a flagrant breach of the agreement of 1925.

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MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES

"ATMOSPHERE HAS IMPROVED"

ALL LOOK PLEASED

London, To-day.

The meeting of the Locarno signatories, which began at the Foreign Office at 10 p.m. yesterday, ended at 30 minutes after midnight. They will meet again at 12.15 p.m. to-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, M. Flandin, Signor Grandi and M. Van Zeeland were present. They all looked very pleased after the meeting.

The general impression is that the atmosphere has improved. — Reuter.

RELIEF WORK IN U.S.A.

Huge Appropriation Necessary

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt announces that he will ask for more than a billion dollars for relief work in the coming financial year. The exact amount was not revealed, but is understood to be considerably under two billion. — Reuter.

PLANE DOWN IN THE ALPS

Rescue Party Finds All Well

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Vienna, To-day.

The rescue party from Klagenfurt seeking the plane which had to make an emergency landing in the Carinthian Alps, arrived at its destination, and the first radio message received from it said that all was well, the injuries of one Italian passenger proving slight.

— Trans-Ocean Service.

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Pres. Jackson Mar. 20

FROM SHANGHAI

Pres. Jackson Mar. 20
Corfu Mar. 20
Ajak Mar. 24
Pres. Doumer Mar. 24
Gen. Sherman Mar. 27
Scharnhorst Mar. 27
Somali Mar. 27
Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
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FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Jackson Mar. 20
Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 27

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Kwangtung Mar. 18
Bangalore Mar. 18
Antiochus Mar. 20
Victoria Mar. 20
Yuenang Mar. 21
Tokushima Mar. 22
Tsushima Mar. 22
Van Leutes Mar. 24
Hakusan Mar. 27

FROM MANILA

Kamo Maru Mar. 19

FROM JAPAN

Corfu Mar. 20
Pres. Jackson Mar. 20
Noto Maru Mar. 24
Toyama Maru Mar. 27
Montevideo Maru Mar. 27
Gen. Sherman Mar. 27
Fushimi Maru Mar. 27
Atsuta Maru Mar. 27
Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 27

FROM AUSTRALIA

Kamo Maru Mar. 19

OUTWARD MAILS FOR EUROPE

Emp. of Asia (via Vancouver) Mar. 19
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Naldera (via Siberia) Mar. 20
Corfu (via Marseilles) Mar. 20
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Victoria (via Siberia) Mar. 20
Pres. Coolidge (via Siberia) Mar. 23
Montevideo (Imperial Service) Mar. 23
Closes: Reg. 1 p.m. Ord. 1.30 p.m.
Pres. Doumer (Air Orient Service) Mar. 24
Closes: Reg. 10 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Corfu Mar. 20
Montevideo Maru Mar. 23

FOR SHANGHAI

Emp. of Asia Mar. 19
Naldera Mar. 20
Victoria Mar. 20
Pres. Coolidge Mar. 23

Women's Page

THE REVOLUTION IN WOOLLENS

Due To Development Of Knitting

SWEATERS NOW POPULAR

The revolution which has taken place primarily in woollen stuffs, but also in silks and cottons, is perhaps due largely to the development of knitting. The sweater was once upon a time a daring innovation, where now it is an elegant occupation of young womanhood and a garment upon which the whole wardrobe is based. At its extreme limit knitting is used for suits and for evening dresses, and not only wool but gold thread is used for it. Innumerable and excellent knitting books vie with crossword puzzles for popularity, and the number of knitting novelties is always about to cease and never does. Knitting stitches are simple enough, but knitting patterns seem infinite. When to these are added threads of the most varying colour, texture, and shape, knitting becomes the most varied of materials, and it is small wonder that the woven materials should also be stirred to make changes.

It is indeed realised how odd the old stuffs would look today. Woollen dresses, for instance, are little more than envelopes shaped to the figure. They depend entirely for their effect upon their texture and colouring. This texture has taken on the ridges and criss-crossing of knitting; it has bumps and irregular weaving. Colours are mixed. Even plaids and checks depend for their effect as much on the texture of the stuff as upon its colour scheme. And the curious part of it is that knitting itself is reinforced by stuffs and tries as much as possible not to look like itself.



Aptly suited to the statuesque beauty of Anita Louise, the Warner Bros. actress, this white chiffon frock is accented with wide neckline with beaded bands.

SPRING FASHIONS IN LONDON

Distinct Chinese Influence

SHORT AND NEAT JACKETS

Spring fashions have come to London. The first dress show of the new season was held the other day, writes a correspondent.

A leading feature of the collection is the influence of the Chinese Exhibition.

Embroidery is used on day and evening gowns. Some give a glazed and hand-moulded effect, or there is the conventional silk embroidery in Chinese design.

Buckles in the form of Chinese dragons, birds, and so on are used on day dresses. Blouses, with sleeves modelled on Chinese lines, and decorated with a Chinese golden pheasant or duck, are shown with trim western tailored suits.

One of the most successful evening dresses is in pastel satin the colour of a pale aquamarine. The embroidery on the hem, at the neck, and on the coat is copied from an old Chinese vase.

Shorter Skirts

Tailored suits have shorter skirts, which are straight and narrow. Some show an elaborate treatment of the hem line.

Jackets are neat, fit snugly, and

SOME NEW IDEAS IN DECORATION

London Authority Discusses 1936 Trends

For years the words "interior decoration" have been of little interest to people with four-roomed flats and two-figure assessments. Decorators did the most exciting things with glass, leather, copper, steel, rubber and all the new media of their craft, writes a correspondent.

But only in the most superficially opulent way. For the rest, the wood, paints and carpets of old, with maybe a dash of devilry in the shape of a chromium table.

But I think 1936 is going to change all that. The extraordinary upcropping of really modern flats has led to an increased demand for new methods of decoration.

Until a few months ago leather, for instance, seemed to be limited for interior decoration purposes to the headquarters of prosperous corporations and the bedrooms of film-stars. But now its price has sunk tremendously.

Other Possibilities

Its obvious use is as a wall and door-covering, where it is an attractive sound-absorbing long-lived and washable medium.

It has other possibilities. Recently I saw a leather carpet. It consisted of strips of tough leather, dyed a deep blue, sewn together and laid over a padding of felt. The decorative effect was something altogether new.

The felt below gave it a most attractive springiness, and deadened the sound of footsteps. It will last for years.

Leather is being used much more than before for covering furniture. Desks, tables, dressing-tables and the rest, made from inexpensive whitewood and covered with plain or dyed leather, are attractive, pleasant to the touch and not costly.

KITCHEN KINKS

(By J. B. C.)

I have four brushes in use at once: one for fairly clean vegetables, one for potatoes and root vegetables, one for cleaning the sink, and one for cleaning gas burners; when a brush begins to get worn or darkened, it is moved along a step in the four processes.

I use a long buttonhook for pulling pans to the front of the oven when baking.

are rather short. Some which are waist-length in front take a swallowtail dip at the back. Others are short and open like a Chinese box coat.

Blouses are important. Some are severely tailored, and rather darker than the suit with which they are worn.

More elaborate blouses in embroidered or lace-patterned lawn accompany suits of a plain material. Lawn or organdie collars, cuffs, and revers enliven dark suits and tailored frocks.

The Few Little Extras

That Means So Much To Beauty

Practical indeed are some of the new preparations on the cosmetic counters. This is a fine time to buy a few little extras that mean so much to your beauty.

For instance, if you have to expose your skin to cold weather and icy winds, you'll like a thick cream which is to be patted on with upward and downward strokes at night. Clean your skin carefully with soap and tepid water (never cold) or with cleansing cream, then apply the cold weather nourishing cream.

It's rather heavy (like vaseline), comes in an attractive jar and is pale green in colour. You can remove it after some has been absorbed or, if you like, leave the surplus on while you sleep. It's good for chapped hands, wrists and knees, too.

Another good item, made by a cosmetician who specialises in mineral products, including mineral bath salts and soaps, is a mud face pack. It clarifies the skin, tends to reduce large pores and often will cure minor blemishes. Put it on (about 1-3 of an inch thick) after you have cleaned face and throat, let dry, then sponge off with cotton pads which have soaked in lukewarm water. Cleanse again with soap and water or cleansing cream.

Also new is an attractive compact, the top of which resembles a Venetian blind. Containing dry rouge and a loose powder compartment, of course, this is absolutely dust-proof. It can be purchased in gold and silver and in black and white enamel combinations.

Is Your Child Disobedient?

Some children can be most trying as many a mother knows, cross, disobedient and sulky all day long. In such cases, patience and tact is required, for punishment usually only serves to aggravate the trouble. Frequently the cause lies in some slight derangement of the digestive or eliminative organs which can quickly be put right by a dose of Baby's Own Tablets. Children like these Tablets because they are not like medicine in appearance, and have a pleasant taste.

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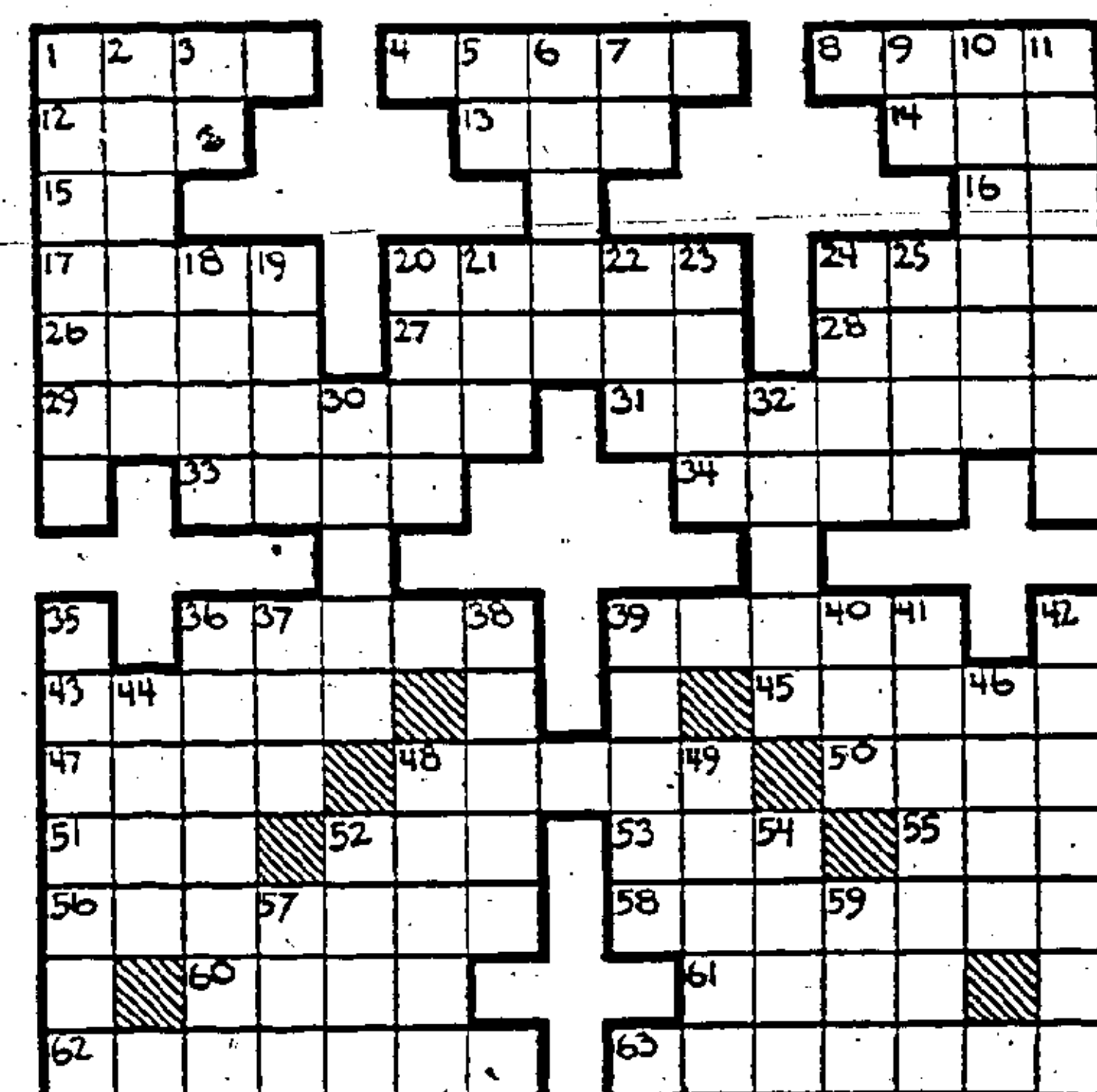
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



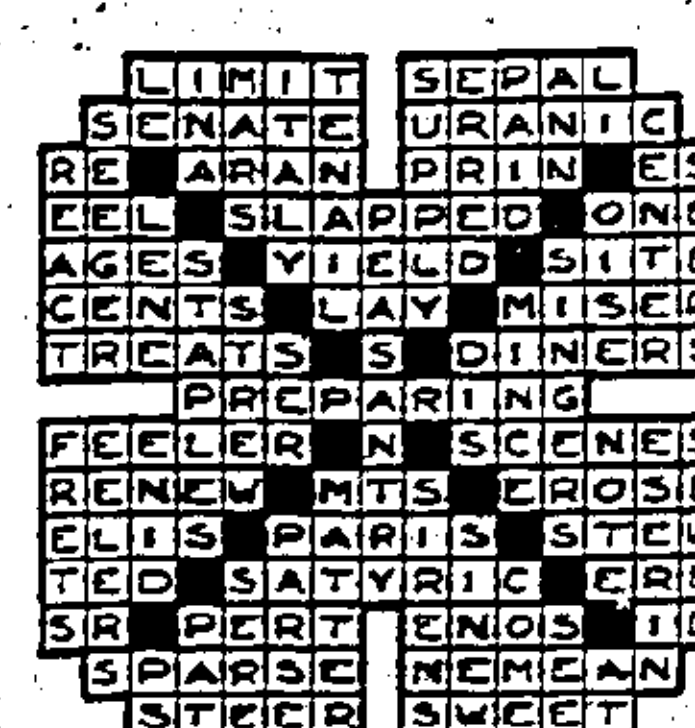
- HORIZONTAL**
- Immense
 - Relieved
 - Renown
 - Bustle
 - Perform
 - Duty
 - Company (abbr.)
 - Regius Professor (abbr.)
 - Jason's ship (Gr. Myth)
 - Stories
 - A small bay
 - Small river duck
 - Fruit
 - Part of a stove
 - Perfume
 - Edible part of nuts
 - Bar
 - English title
 - Utter
 - Domesticated
 - Small candle
 - A fish
 - Tropical (abbr.)
 - Navigates
 - Native of Scotland
 - Liver (contr.)
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Revolution (abbr.)
 - Gratify to the utmost
 - More morose
 - Combining form. Within
 - The ragoon (abbr.)
 - Render melancholy
 - Irons
- VERTICAL**
- Sundered possession by removal
 - Loves
 - Very
 - A degree (abbr.)
 - Skin and hair on top of the skull
 - And (Lat.)
 - Near by
 - That which excites wonder
 - Coat
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- To breathe convulsively
 - Combining form. Of
 - Address
 - Imitate
 - Large deer
 - Percolate
 - Fruit of the pine
 - Vault
 - Not at any time
 - Paper measure (pl.)
 - Confirms
 - Frisked
 - Vigor
 - Rogue
 - Stories
 - Type measure (pl.)
 - Refuse to accept
 - Adorns
 - Surface
 - Affection
 - Strife (Surg.)
 - Appetizing dressing for food
 - Consider
 - Horse's gait
 - India (Poet.)
 - Portion

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

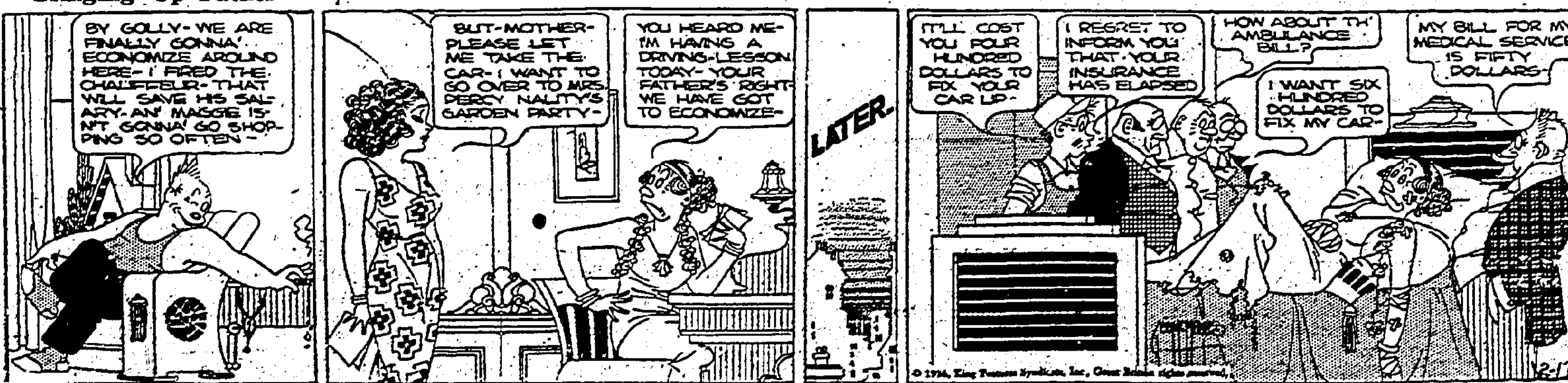
HATS WITH CHINESE FROCKS

Hats, which the country women of China, wear for protection from sun of rain, is not a usual accessory of the fashionable Chinese woman of the cities. But of late the fashion for wearing hats with the Chinese frock is occasionally seen. However, Paris and Hollywood adopt the Chinese motif for their smartest hats, as may be seen in some of the latest collections.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Jacobean Room, 1st floor, Hong Kong Hotel Pedder Street, Hong Kong on FRIDAY, 27th March 1936 at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of:—
Receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended December 31st, 1935;
Electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY 17th March 1936 until FRIDAY 27th March 1936, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
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By Order of the Board of Directors.

O. EAGER,
Secretary.

Hong Kong 13th March, 1936.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 28th March, 1936 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 19th March, 1936.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Company Meetings

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1936, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1935.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 27th March 1936, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1936, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to 30th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1936.

BRIDGE NOTES

Desperation Knows No Rule

By Ely Culbertson

It is difficult to formulate rules for the type of opening lead known as the desperation lead. This sort of lead is made without rhyme or reason when conventional procedure reveals no remote hope of defeating declarer's contract. In such cases an opening lead may be made from combinations through which no one would ever dream of leading under normal circumstances. One of the most sensational opening leads I have ever seen happened in the hand shown below:

South, Dealer
East and West vulnerable

S. K 10	H. J 9 6	D. A Q 10 6 5 3	C. A Q
S. J 8 4	N. S 9 5 6 5 3 2	H. 7	W. E H 5 3 2
D. K J 2	S. D. —	C. J 9 7 6 5 3	S. A Q
	H. A K Q 10 8 4	D. 9 8 7 4	C. K

The bidding:
South West North East
1H Pass 3D Pass
3H Pass 5H Pass
6H Pass Pass Pass

The bidding was good, South's four little diamonds being the factor which kept him out of seven. Unless North's diamonds were solid, a trick would probably be lost in that suit. It will be noted South used the Jump Trump Rebid to show a nearly solid suit, but the informative value of his bid was in itself the reason the Four-Five Notrump Convention could not be used, for North did not have the necessary requirements to bid four notrump. He had the two Aces, but not the King of any suit, and he had the King of spades. With normal defence, six hearts could easily have been made. West would have opened a club and whether or not South made six or seven would depend upon whether he took a double finesse in diamonds or a single finesse, or played the Ace on the first round.

Not even six-odd was made, for West chose the unusual opening lead of the Jack of diamonds. A glance at the combined diamond holdings of his own hand and dummy would convince South that the lead could conventionally have been made from only one of two possible holdings, Jack-singleton or Jack-doubleton. If the former, a finesse of the Queen would cause the contract to be defeated by a second round ruff. If the latter, the play of the Ace would not only safeguard the contract, but would win an extra trick. There seemed to be no question but that the best play was dummy's Ace of diamonds. This South played, and felt the earth slipping from under his feet when East won the trick with a small trump. No discards were available to take care of South's other diamonds, and he could not avoid giving West an eventual trick with the diamond king. These two tricks were enough to stop the Small Siam.

How West figured out the effectiveness of this false lead, I am not sure. Perhaps he had no reason other than his wish to do something as unusual as possible.

GARY COOPER FOR KIPLING FILM

Remaking "The Light That Failed"

The Paramount Film Corporation has at last chosen the leading players for the film version of Kipling's "The Light That Failed."

Gary Cooper will play the artist who paints his last picture as he goes blind, and Julie Haydon will be the hussy who is befriended by him and destroys his masterpiece.

Miss Haydon, unknown in Hollywood a year ago, made a hit in the Hecht-MacArthur production, "The Scoundrel," opposite Noel Coward.

STATION RAIDED

Men who broke into West Green (L.N.E.R.) station last month took cigarettes, chocolates and cash, and stole a booking clerk's attaché case to carry the property.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"RIFFRAFF"—KING'S THEATRE

Autumn fogs that swirl about the Southern California waterfront during the morning hours and sometimes are not dissipated until mid-day were not allowed to interfere with this production, starring Jean Harlow with Spencer Tracy.

So the waterfront was moved into the studio! The unusual feature is accentuated by the fact that scenes were filmed actually at the waterfront whenever the weather permitted. But when the autumn fogs came in the company moved into the studio and continued work in exactly the same setting.

In "Riffraff," Joseph Calleia, appears as one of the reckless deep-sea men of the Pacific tuna fleet, hard as a marlin-spike and the relentless enemy of Spencer Tracy in savage competition for the love of Jean Harlow. It is a virile story of a life that the world is unfamiliar with, and Calleia is cast in a role that gives him every opportunity to display his talent.

"Riffraff," directed by J. Walter Ruben, teams Miss Harlow and Tracy for the first time. With them is a notable cast headed by Una Merkel and Joseph Calleia, and including Victor Kilian, Mickey Rooney, J. Farrell Mac Donald, Roger Imhoff, Juanita Quigley, Paul Hurst, Vince Barnett, Dorothy Appleby and Judith Wood.

"TRAVELING SALESLADY"—STAR THEATRE

This is an up-to-date story of a young girl who refused the opportunity to enter the business office of her father, a toothpaste manufacturer who has become fossilized, and signs with his rival to sell a paste with cocktail flavors, an idea submitted to her by an inebriated inventor. She herself goes out on the road to sell it, beats her father's star salesman at every turn, and after nearly ruining her fond parent, falls in love with her salesman rival.

Joan Blondell has the title role with William Gargan in the part of the star salesman. Glenda Farrell is the other side of the triangular love affair.

Others in the cast include Hugh Herbert, the inebriated inventor, Grant Mitchell, as the conservative manufacturer and Al Shean, his more modern rival.

"WANDERER OF THE WASTELAND"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

The streets of the little mountain town of Lone Pine were almost depopulated as a result of the call for extras and atmosphere people to appear in Zane Grey's "Wanderer of the Wasteland," Paramount's biggest outdoor romance in recent years, which was filmed at the base of Mount Whitney. Approximately 300 ranchers and cowboys were used in several scenes.

With Dean Jagger, Gail Patrick and Edward Ellis are in the leading roles, and the Zane Grey picture brings back to the screen such old time favourites as Monte Blue, Raymond Hatton, Anna Q. Nilson and Charles Waldron. Sr. Trilby Friganza and Al St. John, veteran troupers, supply the comedy.

This romantic drama of the gold prospecting days in the Old West brings to the screen the famous Zane Grey story of a man, wrongly accused of a crime, who seeks in solitude and forgetfulness with an outlaw band who prey on the lives or fortunes of honest gold miners.

"SILVER STEAK"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

In this picture railroading is in a bad way, but the railroad president rejects with contempt the advanced ideas of a young college engineer that are designed to revolutionize the industry.

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Rejected by the president, Tom Caldwell, a young mechanical engineer, takes his plans to the president of the locomotive works. The latter is a man of middle age, and he sees the logic of the plan,

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AGED WOMAN BURNED

Miss Esther Brown, aged 89, was found in her room at Fernlea-road, Balham, with her clothing ablaze, and died in hospital last month.

(Radio will be found on Page 111)

DROWNED WOMAN'S NAME

The woman found drowned off Bermondsey on January 2 was later identified as Janet Smith, aged 81, a cook employed at Cromwell-road, S.W.



Sporting Page



ENGLAND IN FINAL OF INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNEY



With the winter Olympics under way at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, international attention was focussed on Norway's great speed skater, Ivar Ballangrud, who by his victories at Davos, Switzerland, looked as the best skater in the world. His performance of skating to a 1500-metre world record in a blinding snowstorm proved his speed and stamina.

C.R.C. BADMINTON SUCCESS

Two Newcomers Fare Promisingly

The Chinese Recreation Club beat the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by 8 games to 1 in the Men's Doubles Badminton League at Causeway Bay last night.

The C.R.C. introduced two new players in T. S. Lo and P. S. Choy, both of whom did quite well.

Detailed results of the match were as follows:—

S. P. Chan and W. C. Choy (C.R.C.)	beat J. Harris and H. Heath 21-4
H. Hall and M. Merritt 21-3	beat Winfield and W. Sprague 21-5
T. S. Lo and P. S. Choy (C.R.C.)	beat Harris and Heath 21-16
beat Hall and Merritt 21-22	lost to Winfield and Sprague 10-21
W. C. Ho and S. W. Liang (C.R.C.)	beat Harris and Heath 21-14
beat Hall and Merritt 21-10	beat Winfield and Sprague 21-9

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Eliot Hall "A"	15	15	0	109	8	30
C. R. C.	18	14	4	107	40	28
Recreio "A"	12	11	1	89	19	22
St. Andrew's "A"	15	11	4	84	59	22
Eliot Hall "B"	11	5	8	83	43	21
Recreio "B"	12	9	3	64	35	18
Fire Brigade	16	8	8	59	15	16
St. John's	15	7	8	69	75	14
V.R.C.	14	3	11	38	79	6
Kowloon Tong	17	2	15	44	100	4
St. Andrew's "B"	17	2	15	38	97	4
S. and S. Home	17	1	16	30	124	2

"HONG" SOCCER ENCOUNTER

Ewo Meet Taikoo On Club Ground

Another "Hong" football match will take place on the Club ground to-day, when Butterfield and Swire meet Jardine, Matheson in their annual encounter.

Ewo were featured in an exciting encounter last week, when they just managed to defeat Way-fong (H.K. Bank) by a solitary goal, and are fielding the same team this afternoon.

The teams are:—
"B" and "S": N. P. Fox; P. C. Frost; and M. Y. Fienness; J. B. Colls; G. K. Chadwick; and B. S. Gallagher; J. G. Gotesworth; M. S. Cumming; J. Hutchison; H. O. Bramble; and M. W. Scott.

Reserve and Line-up:—R. Miller; White Shirts and Blue Shorts.
Ewo: R. White; F. G. Stevenson; and M. L. Bailton; H. P. Hopkins; F. S. Nicholls; and S. W. Tremlett; J. N. L. Bailton; E. O. Butler; C. Duncan; T. W. Parsons; and E. A. Gaudert; Line-up: D. L. Newbiggin; Reserve: P. F. White.

TAVARES AGAIN IN GOOD FORM

BUT FINCHER AND HUNG MUCH TOO STEADY

SCOONES STRIKES BAD PATCH

(By "Base-Line")

J. TAVARES again demonstrated his lawn tennis capabilities yesterday at the Hong Kong Cricket Club when he almost carried M. Drysdale for one set against Teddie Fincher and Willie Hung in the Second Round of the Colony Open Doubles Championship before a large crowd and in ideal weather.

His forehand was in good order in the first set, but was inclined to be erratic in the second. His cannon-ball service often ached Hung, but Fincher stood up to it in no uncertain way. Tavares brought off several clever angle-volleys, but was inclined to be caught on the wrong foot when coming up on his slower second service.

Drysdale, after a very indifferent start, brought off one of two well-positioned strokes on the forehand, but discounted the majority of these by faulty serving. He had a demoralising influence on his partner, who attempted too much himself in the closing stages.

Fincher was his steady self, always looking for the opening and knowing what to do when he found it. It is a great pity that he does not possess a more powerful service. Hung played very casually, but always brought off a brilliant shot following a careless error. As a pair they look very formidable, and it is going to take Lollie Goldman and Alec Pearce all their time to reach the Final.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

TENNIE KWOK FAVOURED

Battle Royal Against Lee Wai-tong

1920 CHAMPIONS ON VIEW

(By "BASE-LINE")

Lee Wai-tong will have to be at his best this afternoon if he is to enter the Third Round at the expense of Tennie Kwok, who is 15 better than he was when he lost to Sirdar Rumjahn in a preliminary round last year.

Lee's clever "drop" shots are likely to tire Kwok, but he has revealed plenty of stamina to date and those "drop" shots are not as accurate as they were when they caused Teddy Fincher's downfall last year.

Lee does not possess a forehand drive and this may very easily determine the issue.

In the other two Singles matches Gray and Lu Tak-cheuk should win without much trouble.

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BRAWN CUP "REST" HOCKEY TRIAL

Miss A. Martin Fails As Leader

"Y" LADIES OFFER OPPOSITION

In a practice game in preparation for the Brawn Cup Champions v The Rest match, the probable "Rest" side shared eight goals with the "Y" Ladies on the Diocesan Girls' School ground yesterday.

The failure of Miss A. Martin at centre-forward and the excellent display of Miss S. West at left-half were the only features of note during the game.

Miss A. Martin did not distribute at all well and was inclined to play too much on the right wing thus starving the left flank. In the second half she changed places with Miss H. Bockler and played a better game at inside-left.

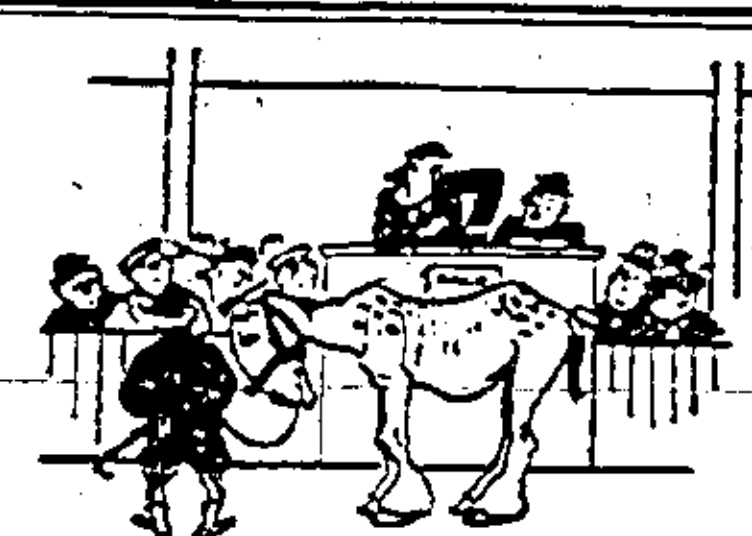
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HOLE IN ONE

Playing over the Deep Water Bay golf course on Tuesday, March 10, Commander T. A. Hussey of H.M.S. Tamar holed out from the tee at the 7th hole. The seventh is a bogey three hole.



Rfm. Hamilton (Rides), above, won the Kowloon Marathon Race last Monday in the record time of 33 mins. 21 secs. over a distance of approximately 6½ miles. ("China Mail" photo).



PONY ROUP AT VALLEY

King's Fancy & King's Bounty In List

MAYFLOWER & PARTNERSHIP UNDER THE HAMMER

There are one or two well-known ponies going under the hammer at the Jockey Club Paddock this evening, commencing at 5.15 p.m., among the most prominent being King's Fancy, King's Bounty and Mayflower. King's Fancy, which ran third to Soldier of Britain and Gladiator in The China Stakes at the Annual Meeting, has won \$4,200 in stake money, while King's Bounty, a grand campaigner, has netted \$14,473 since he started racing in 1930.

Mayflower, which Mr. Tang Man-wa rode into third place to Cossack's Beauty and Ribble in the Old Course Plate this year, and which was beaten by only a length by Jungle Jim in The Curragh Stakes over a mile the following day, has won \$4,356 in stakes.

Partnership's Record Partnership, which vied with Warrington for the distinction of being the best sub. in 1933, collected \$6,100, but has fared disappointingly in latter years.

Merry Time is undoubtedly the most promising of the three Australians up for sale, while Peter Davey, a game little sub., might reward his new owner.

Not So Dusty failed to be re-measured prior to January 1 this year and is therefore not eligible to race at any meeting of the Jockey Club, but it is understood that he is a very useful polo pony.

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MAGNIFICENT PLAY BY SCOTS' DEFENCE

RODGER, McLELLAN AND SHEWAN "SHINE"

REED'S WONDERFUL GAME

(By "Sticks")

ENGLAND beat Scotland by 4 goals to 1 in their Semi-Final Round encounter in the local international hockey series yesterday on the Naval ground, King's Park, and were very lucky to have done so as three of the goals were very doubtful ones, two being scored from what appeared to be off-side positions and the last goal of the match being definitely a "sticks" infringement.

The outstanding feature of the game was the magnificent display given by the Scottish defence, in which Jack Rodger, the skipper, played a wonderful game, and was ably backed up by Blackburn, his partner, McLellan, the pivot, and the wing halves Norman Whitley and W. W. C. Shewan.

So well did the Scottish defence perform that the fast England attack was held until a few minutes before the interval, when Dawson equalised for England after Bond had given Scotland the lead.

Individually, the best player on view was W. A. Reed, who let very little pass him. His positioning was never better and there were numerous occasions when he cleverly intercepted a pass from McLellan to his forwards.

Scots' Forwards Fail The most disappointing feature of the game was the failure of the Scottish attack to score from the many opportunities offered them, although they had only themselves to blame for starving their most dangerous winger, V. Bond, who, on the occasions he did receive the ball, made it obvious that he was their most dangerous forward.

Jessop, who deputised for Howlett in goal, brought off several splendid saves, while Blackburn, in front of him, favoured first-time clearances in preference to the stop-and-hit methods.

One of the most pleasing features of the Scottish defence was the display given by Shewan, at right-half. He had the dangerous England left-wing combine of Divett and Dawson well in hand throughout the first half, and they could do very little in spite of the number of times they were placed in possession.

Tactical Error

Scotland's inside forwards made their biggest error in continually attempting to take the ball down the centre of the field instead of bringing their wingers into action.

After the failure of the England attack in the first half, several changes were made, Garthwaite moving to centre-forward, while Wraith was transferred to the left-wing, and from that point onwards everything went in England's favour and they gave the Scottish defence a grueling time.

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Pedro Montañez seems to be on his way to the top in the lightweight boxing division following his sensational win over Al Roth, who gave Tony Cannoneri a real workout not so long ago. Many New York fight observers claim that Pedro, even though young, could give the veteran champion plenty to tend to if they should meet in the near future.

MR. S. C. LEUNG IN COLONY

"Crack" Tientsin Jockey

WILL RIDE ON MARCH 28

(By "RAPIER")

Race-goers will be interested to learn that Mr. S. C. Leung, who was one of the most successful jockeys in Tientsin last season, is at present in the Colony and that there is a distinct possibility that he will be seen in the saddle at the Second Extra Race Meeting on Saturday, March 28. He will possibly be taking out ponies from the Harbad and L. T. F. stables.

I understand Mr. Leung, who last year registered over 45 wins in Tientsin, intends settling down in Hong Kong, and, from a well-known local authority, I gather that Mr. Leung's style "closely resembles that of Mr. D. S. Li," the Shanghai crack.



AUSTRALIANS WIN

O'Reilly Too Good For Western Province

12 WICKETS FOR 99 RUNS

Capetown, To-day.

The extra three-day fixture between the Australians and Western Province, which opened here on Saturday, was concluded yesterday when the Australians won by eight wickets.

Set to score 185 to avoid the innings defeat, the home team took their overnight score of 16 for 0 to 262, a feature of their innings being a seventh wicket stand of 104 by George and Steyn, who scored 84 and 49 respectively. W. J. O'Reilly had 6 wickets for 64 runs to give him 12 for 99 in the match, and the Australians then went on to score the required runs for the loss of 2 wickets, their score at the close being 63 for 2.

The Australians scored 398 in their first "knock" and Western Province 198.—Reuter.

at 5 p.m. to-day:

H. F. Shields; J. E. Potter (Capt.) and J. Rodger; J. L. Cotsworth; W. A. Reed and R. A. Bates; S. A. Fowler; J. L. Teley; D. Carey; L. Pracht and D. L. Nooy.

Competing In International Soccer Cup

FREDERIC JAMES ELMS, of the St. Joseph's and Portugal left-half, was born in Hong Kong and received his early education at St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong.

In 1921, he went to Tientsin to continue his studies at St. Louis College, and while there he played for his school in the Second Division, at centre-half and on the left-wing.

Returning to Hong Kong in 1923, he was given a trial with St. Joseph's, but could not earn a place in the team and so gave up the game for a few years.

He was back again on the field in 1931, however, when he was instrumental in raising the Radio Sports Club team and entering them in the Third Division. Play-

ing for them first at centre-forward and later at centre-half, he remained with them till the middle of 1934, when he was transferred to St. Joseph's, where he was tried on the right-wing and again failed. Given another chance, at left-half, however, Elms played a sound game in this position and



F. J. ELMS

has been retained there ever since. Handicapped by lack of weight and the ability to clear strongly, Elms' greatest asset is his speed in tackling and his clever distribution.

With A.V. Gossano (now with Recreio) behind him at back, Elms shone in his very first year of senior football and received recognition in the Governor's Cup and the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition, when he played for Portugal.

He was given his first Interport trial in 1935, but lost his place to C. Parker (Police), while he also took part in this season's trial. He was a member of the Portuguese team that beat England and Wales in the earlier rounds of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition.

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CLUB HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against an "A" Royal Navy team on the Navy ground, King's Park:

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CLASSICAL RECORDS

J3179—Serenade (Tuselli).....	Concert Orch.
J7343—Blue Danube (2PTS).....	Sym. Orch.
J1626—Simple Aveu.....	Foanne Curti (Violin).
J1750—Spring Song.....	Angelus Octet.
J5050—Hungarian Dances.....	Halle Orch.
No. 5 & 6.....	
4294—Tales of Hoffmann.....	Squire Octet.
Salut d'Amour.....	
3470—Trauerrie.....	Squire Octet.
Humoresque.....	

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PONY ROUP AT VALLEY

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Tummel, which had a couple of thirds in his day, has developed into a very fast polo pony, while Devon, which has two wins to his credit, could easily be converted into a polo pony.

Nineteen Ponies

The following 19 ponies had been accepted for auction by Messrs. Hughes and Hough up to last night:

King's Bounty, bay, 14.0, 1936	Griffin.
Heart's Glory, chestnut 14.1, 1934	Griffin.
King's Fancy, grey M, 14.1, 1934	Griffin.
Mayflower, chestnut, 14.0, 1933	Griffin.
Tummel, bay, 14.0, 1934 Griffin.	
Devon, grey, 14.1, 1932 Griffin.	
Forbridge, bay M, 14.0, 1935	Griffin.
Partnership, bay, 13.2, 1933 Sub.	
Lion-Hunter, grey, 13.2, 1935 Sub.	
Gold Jubilee, chestnut, 14.1, 1936	Griffin (late Windsor Hall).
Zenith, grey, 14.1, 1934 Griffin.	
Not So Ducky, brown, 14.0, 1934	Griffin.
Gold Eagle, dun, 13.2, 1936 Sub.	
Peter Davey, chestnut, 13.2, 1936	Sub.
Silver Lining, bay, 14.0, 1936 Sub.	
Supercharge, bay, 14.0, 1936 Sub.	
Merry Time, brown, 14.3, 1936	Australian.
Trojan, chestnut, 14.2, 1936	Australian.
Canberra, girl, bay M, 14.3, 1936	Australian.

LATER ACCEPTANCES

Public Hero No. 1, chestnut 14, 1936	Sub.
Gold Dragon, bay 14.2, 1936	Australian.
Silver Fox, roan 13.3, 1935	Sub.
Solar Star, grey 14.1 1933	Griffin.
Saucy Face, black 14.2, 1934	Australian.
What A Chance, chestnut 14.1, 1934	Griffin.
Lancashire Loom, chestnut 13.2, 1935	Sub.
Sadko, chestnut 14.1, 1937	Griffin.
Idol Bay, black 14.2, 1936	Sub.
Southern Cross, 14.2, 1936	Australian.
Silver Streak, bay 14.2, 1936	Australian.
Yellow Fish, bay 13.2, 1936	Sub.
Able Warrior, bay 14.2, 1936	Australian.
Popular Star, grey 13.3, 1935	Griffin.
Cage, dun, polo pony.	
Lazy Lady, bay 14, 1935	Australian.

NAVY AND ARMY
IN TRIANGULAR
HOCKEY CLASH

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The following are the teams and the table to date—

	Navy	Supply	Asst. Bushnell	Lt. Comdr. Jock	Lt. Comdr. Broomer	Lt. Comdr. McCoy	Lt. Holland-Martin	Lt. Luce	Lt. Howie	Lt. Comdr. Banks	Lt. Cuthbert	Lt. Lascelles	R.A.F. attached	Hermes	Lt. C. Mackenzie
Army	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Navy	3	2	1	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Club	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

BROWN CUP "REST"
HOCKEY TRIAL

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Miss S. West, was very hard working and, though opposed to a fast player in Miss O. Daziel, did well. She hit hard, though her passing might have been better. Miss H. Bockler (2), Miss A. Martin and Miss J. Lakeman scored for the "Rest," while Miss S. Daziel (2) and Miss M. Smith (2), of the C.B.A., netted for the "Y" Ladies.

BRUGNON STILL WINNING

J. Brugnon and A. Martin, Legeay recently won the men's doubles final in the Gallia lawn tennis tournament, Cannes, defeating H. W. Artens and M. Jaquet, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2.

McAVOY WINS ANOTHER SWIFT FIGHT

TWO SENIOR
SOCCER GAMES
FOR TO-DAYS. China "B" And Saints
In Return Game

NAVY TO MEET LYEMUN

An interesting and evenly contested football game should be witnessed at Caroline Hill to-day at 5 p.m. when St. Joseph's meet South China "B" in the First Division.

These two teams shared the points at their last meeting, but to-day the Saints will be strengthened by the return of V. Costa, at left-back.

Sinclair, who has been absent from the team for a fortnight, owing to an ankle injury, has recovered and will be in his usual position as pivot.

Hussain will be partnering "Darky Lee" on the right-wing while A. Ward will be playing at inside-left.

The Chinese will be fielding practically the same team which lost last week, though George Tsang may be playing at forward in place of Henry Young, who will probably be in the defence.

Wong Wah-kai In Goal

Wong Wah-kai will be playing in goal in place of Pau Ka-ping, who, though he has recovered now, will not be seen for at least a fortnight.

South China "B"—Wong Wah-kai, Yee Hing-yuen and Lee Kam; H. Young, Lam Tak-po and Yau Wah-hing; Yeung Po-hon, Lai Shui-wing, George Tsang, Cheuk Shek-kam and Yeung Shui-yick.

St. Joseph's—U. B. Souza, L. Souza and V. Costa, W. Sinclair and Elms, "Darky" Lee, Hussain, D. Leonard, A. Ward and Hernandez.

In the other First Division game the Navy should beat Lyemun, though the latter have been showing greatly improved form recently.

South China will meet the University in the Second Division at Caroline Hill at 3 p.m., and should win, as it is doubtful, owing to lectures, whether the University will be able to field their best team.

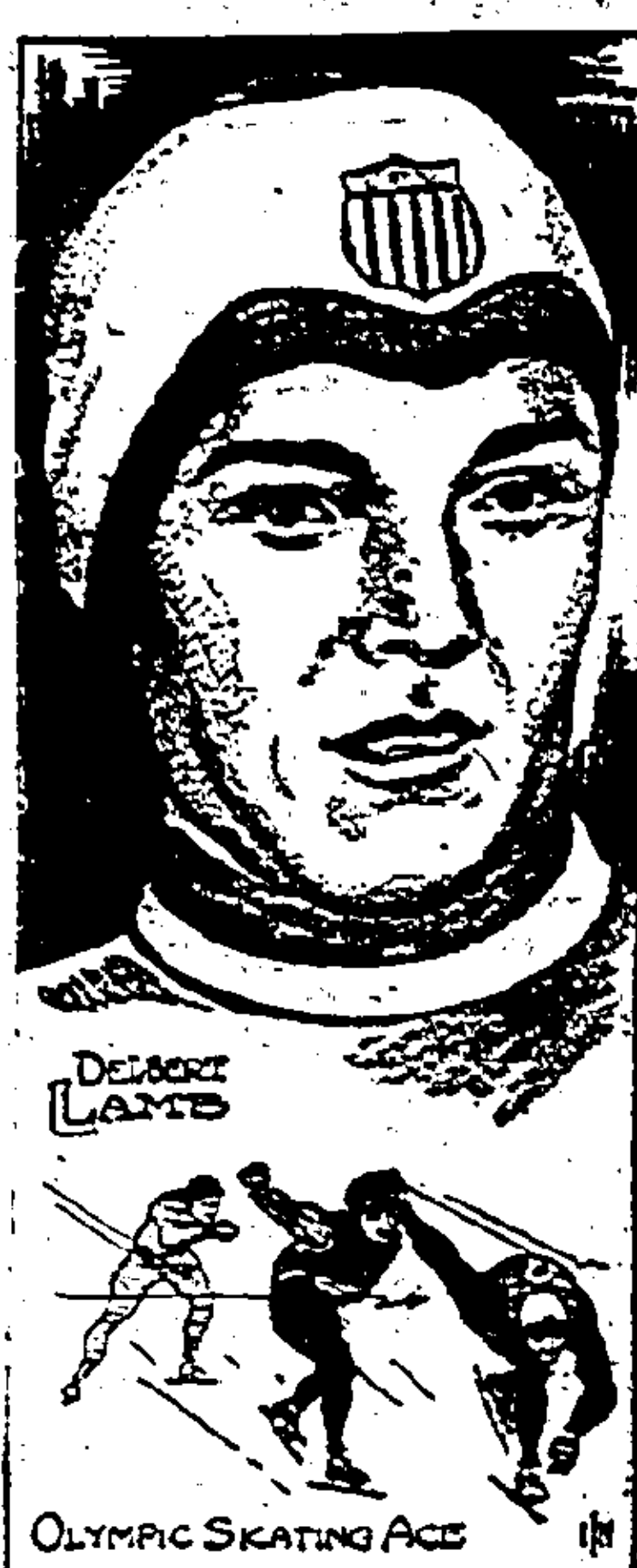
JAVA FOOTBALLER
ARRIVESChina's Olympic Games
Soccer Trial Player

MAY PLAY FOR S. CHINA

The first of the overseas Chinese soccer players, invited to take part in the trials here in preparation for the Berlin Games, arrived here yesterday afternoon by the s.s. Tijlbadat. He is Cheung King-kwang, who represented Java in the last Far Eastern Games at Manila. He generally plays at centre-half, though he is also a good centre-forward.

Besides his football abilities, he is a good sprinter and holds the 100 Metres Championship record of 10.8 seconds in Sourabaya.

It is understood that he has joined South China and will probably be seen in the "A" team this week.



Determination such as that shown by Delbert Lamb, the Milwaukee Olympic speed skating star, was rewarded with a place at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. He literally got out of a sick-bed to win the world's title over 500 metres at the Davos, Switzerland, meet.

MAGNIFICENT PLAY
BY SCOTS' DEFENCE

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Scots Score First

V. Bond opened the scoring for Scotland from a short corner hit, when his resultant shot glanced off Owen's right hand into the net, but England equalised not many minutes later when Dawson scored during a melee.

The second half saw England enjoy more of the exchanges and Garthwaite sent them ahead with a very doubtful goal, and soon after Fowler scored England's third when he broke through from what appeared an off-side position to net from an acute angle. Just before the end of the match Divett scored England's fourth goal, although "sticks" was very much in evidence.

England—A. B. Owen; Bdsn. Cox, J. E. Potter; L. J. P. Williams, W. A. Reed, and J. Farmer; S. A. Fowler, Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite, Sub. L. Wraith, L. E. M. Dawson and G. E. R. Divett.

Scotland—Jessop; C. Blackburn and J. Rodger (Captain); W. W. C. Shewan, D. McEldan and N. Whitley; T. Angus, S. Mackay, T. S. D. Whitley, N. A. E. Macdonald and V. Bond.

GREECE'S CHALLENGE

A Lawn-tennis challenge from Greece for the European Group of the Davis Cup has been received—the 13th for this group.

Pony Classification

The following is the Hong Kong Jockey Club's pony classification list, as announced on March 17, 1936:

AUSTRALIAN PONIES	
"A" Class—Able Amazon, A Grand Time, Bag Tor, Bobbiak Star, Benta, Derby Day, Double Finesse, Electron, Hercules, Holiday Eve, Just That, Lancashire Lad, Night Star, Perfect Day, Racing Heart, Rose Ann, Saucy Face, Shooting Star, Silver Streak, Snow River, Southern Cross, Stratford, The Dumbell, Tin-Smith, Trojan, Vixen Tor and Yo Ho.	
CHINA PONIES	
"A" Class—Cosack's Beauty, Cydamen Bay, Diana Bay, Gladiator, Herod, King's Warden, Liberty Bay, Macromi, Oak Bay and Soldier of Britain.	
"B" Class—Bright View, Brilliant Star, Harvest View, Hetman, Honey-moon Eve, Jungle Jim, King's Bounty, King's Jubilee, King's Justice, King's Lead, Mistake Bay, Pontiac Bay, Rose-Queen, Sadko, Soldier of China, Soldier of Honour and The Tiger.	
"C" Class—Amberley, Bear Claw, Bistre, Boalot Bay, Dawn Star, Don, Donovan, Flybynight, Forest View, Glorious View, Gold Coin, Great Hall, High Honour, High Speed, Hydrop-lane, King's Fancy, King's Sceptre, Laughing, Girl, Mayflower, Mersey, Monoplane, Pacific Hall, Pride of Taingao, Racing Boy, Ribble, Rose Evelyn, Royal Consort, Royal Highness, Royal Scot, Silvermist, Soldier of Germany, Soldier of Peace, Soldier of Victory, Tiny Star, Tyne, Valorous, Victoria Hall, Wadebridge, What A Chance, Young Chap and Zero.	
"D" Class—Balloos, Belmont Star, Blue Ribbon, Blue Sailor, Boxing Eve, Burgomaster, Cassids, Cavalcade, Celebration Time, Copper Idol, Daylight Eve, Double Chance, Emergency Call, Estray, Fidelity, Foxbridge, Glad Eyes, Gold Currency, Gold Sovereign, Hawthorn, Hellbender, Heriot, Hopscotch, Judas, Laughing Buddha, Lemberg, Lockley Hall, Lucky Strike, Mike, Miracle, Mountain View, Nebular Star, Night View, Ocean View, Old Star, Partnership, Philanderer, Plain View, Popular Star, Public Hero No. 1, Rousseau, Rugby Star, Seventeenth of Sept, Shamrock, Splendid View, Stopwatch, Strathalan, Sylandale, The Coot, The Gorilla, The Hero, The Rain Gauge, Unicorn, Valley View, Warrington, Weimly Stag, West Parade, Wild Cat and Ythan.	
"E" Class—Gold Eagle, Gold Piker, Hummer, Ideal Day, Lancashire Loom, Locksmith, Merry Jester, Paymaster, Petes Davey, Satan, Silver Lining and Supercharge.	

PUNJAB REGT. SPORT
CONCLUDES

"A" Coy. Win The
Championship
LT. WALKER SHINES

Some exciting races were seen at the annual athletic meeting of the 1/5 Punjab Regiment at the Polo ground, Boundary Street, yesterday.

The Inter-Company championship was won by "A" company, who beat "C" Company by 37 points.

Lieut. Walker, the only European Officer competing, did well to cover the 100 Yards in 10 2/5 seconds, and he also won the 220 yards in 24 1/5 seconds.

At the conclusion, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Campbell. The following were the points scored by each company and their final standings:

	"A"	"B"	"C"	H.Q.W.
3 Miles	61	38	48	50
Putting the Shot 10	6	13	19	7
Discus Throw 13	6	13	19	4
Hammer Throw 3	7	13	19	13
120 High	25	14	32	24
220 Yards Dash 34	18	22	24	22
100 Yards	30	16	25	24
880 Yards	34	16	32	26
440 Yards	22	26	34	24
Long Jump	19	7	11	9
High Jump	13	19	8 1/2	9 1/2
Javelin	3	15	17	8
220 Yards	12	8	22	0
880 Yards	22	0	6	2
100 Yards	6	8	0	2
Pole Jump	14	7	19	12
1 Mile	65 1/2	37	51	13 1/2
440 Yards	2	10	12	6
High Hurdles	14	0	4	0
	403 1/2	258	360 1/2	325

TENNIE KWOK FAVOURED

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The Lo brothers, who won the title as far back as 1920, should beat Deane and Divett in a doubles programme that promises very little interest.

The following is to-day's programme, commencing at 4.45 p.m.:

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Open Singles (Second Round)	
Lee Wai-tong v. Tennie Kwok	S. A. Gray v. Leong Ping-chiu
Open Doubles (First Round)	
J. C. Poole and R. Henry v. G. Lai and G. Chang	G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane v. P. E. McCabe and D. Carey v. A. V. M. E. and M. W. Lo
M. Gash and A. V. Remedios	M. Gash and L. Comdr. Conway v. A. W. Ramsay and G. C. Burnett
Club Championship (First Round)	
V. E. Gordon v. A. D. Humphreys	L. Comdr. Stapleton v. Capt. Craig

K.C.C. Tournament

FULL PROGRAMME FOR
THE WEEK-END

The annual lawn tennis tournament at the Kowloon Cricket Club will open on Saturday with the following programme:

MEN'S SINGLES JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIP

A. E. Perry v. W. Patterson	C. A. Blum v. E. S. Capell	F. Goodwin v. A. C. Philipps	A. Krivovoy v. A. Kalashny
N. A. E. Mackay v. B. E. Lee	J. Thompson v. L. E. Kirby	N. J. Smith v. P. A. Broadbridge	N. J. Bebbington v. W. Gittins
LADIES' SINGLES HANDICAP			
First Round (Saturday 4.15 p.m.)	Mrs. S. Stainfield (-3.6) v. Mrs. Blandford (-3.6)	Mrs. Stokes (-15.3) v. Mrs. McCaw (-3.0)	Mrs. A. J. Kew (-15.3) v. Mrs. Old (-3.6)

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

F. Grose v. E. C. Fincher (Holder)	A. Crawford v. W. C. Hong
LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP	
(Sunday 10 a.m.)	Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. McCaw (-3.0) v. Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Bathmell (-15.3)
Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Fincher (-3.6) v. Mrs. Old and Mrs. Stainfield (-3.6)	Mrs. Blandford and Mrs. Hosford (-15.3) v. Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Orr (-3.6)

MEN'S "A" CLASS HANDICAP
SINGLES

J. Thompson (scr.) v. N. J. Bebbington (-4.6)	F. Goodwin and Mrs. E. C. Fincher (-4.6) v. A. W. Ramsey and Mrs. Kew (-15.3)	C. E. Watson and Mrs. Lammett (-3.6) v. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kirby
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STORMY FIRST ROUND
THEN THE K.O.JOHN HENRY LEWIS SEES
RIVAL IN ACTION

JIM SMITH OUT "STONE COLD"

New York, February.

AFTER a terrific rough-and-tumble from the opening bell Jock McAvoy, the British middle-weight champion, continued his successful American career by knocking out Jim Smith, of Philadelphia, in the second round of their 10-round contest at the St. Nicholas Arena last night.

This was the first of three fights which McAvoy will have within eight days as part of his training for his world-title contest with John Henry Lewis. McAvoy's next bout is on Saturday, when he meets Jack Kiernon, of Long Branch (New Jersey), while he opposes a negro middle-weight, Anson Green, of Pittsburg.

Smith who has the distinction of having gained a victory over Lou Brouillard, the former middle-weight and welter-weight champion of the world, proved an awkward customer because of his wild, windmill style of fighting.

He looked very dangerous at the opening of the second round, when, with fists flailing wildly, he forced McAvoy on to the ropes, where he punched away desperately in the hope of landing a decisive punch.

Weathered The Storm

McAvoy, however, boxing with the coolness and ringcraft of a veteran, managed to weather the storm and retaliate with similar tactics. His natural tearaway, hard-punching style proved very effective, and he quickly had his man in difficulties before finishing him off after 2 min. 22 sec. in the second round.

The couple quickly warmed to their work at the start, both waiting no more than five seconds before getting to grips and mixing it freely. The American obviously attempted to incite the Briton into wild rushes, and landed frequently, but his punches lacked sting.

McAvoy, slightly bothered by Smith's worrying tactics, watched his man carefully, and was quick to seize an opening whenever his opponent let up. Timing his punches perfectly, he flashed in his right or left with telling effect.

Down For "Nine"

One such terrific left hook, sent Smith to the boards in the second round. He remained on his knees until "nine" was counted, and then got up and wobbled about in a groggy condition. He showed great pluck, however, and even advanced towards McAvoy.

The British champion met him with a couple of rights and rushed him on to the ropes, where he punched away relentlessly until a paralysing left hook to the jaw felled Smith like a log.

The American crashed face downwards and sprawled between McAvoy's legs, his gum shield falling out of his mouth. Such was the power behind the blow that the referee signalled the "all over" after counting only six.

Three of Smith's seconds lifted him to his feet, and it took several minutes' work on their part before he was brought back to his senses.

The fight had been "short but sweet," as the capacity crowd of 5,000 agreed, and McAvoy, who has gained a great reputation for his aggressive fighting, was a popular winner.

Rivals Meet

Among those present at the arena, where many overseas boxers, including Kid Berg, Phil Scott, Nel Tarleton and Young Johnny Brown, received their American baptism, was John Henry Lewis, who defends his world light-heavy-weight championship against McAvoy next month.

Lewis, who was introduced to McAvoy, as also was Lou

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(-3.6) A. E. P. Guest and Miss M. Griffiths (-3.6) v. V. E. Freeman and Mrs. Hosford (-3.6) v. W. Hirst and Mrs. Bathmell (scr.) v. A. E. Perry and Mrs. Stokes (-3.6) M. Pagh and Miss V. Allen (-3.6) v. E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Goodwin (-3.0) J. S. Smith and Mrs. Old (-3.6) v. A. C. Philipps and Mrs. Orr (-2.6) S. A. Gray and Miss A. MacKenzie (-15.3) v. C. J. Tatchell and Mrs. Blandford (-3.6)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY HOCKEY

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Capt. Frizelle, at centre-forward, and Lt. Drummond were the pick of the Officers' side, while Lt. Radcliffe, at left-wing was also good, his reserve stickwork deserving special mention.

For the Sergeants C.S.M. Allen was the outstanding player, and it was due to him that his side scored the two goals. R.S.M. Henniker was also good, but the pace told on the Sergeants, some of whom are approaching the veteran stage.

Even First Half

In the first half each side scored through Lt. Ratcliff and C.S.M. Allen, but after the interval Capt. Frizelle (2), and Lt. Drummond netted for the Officers, while the Sergeants were only able to add one to their total, C.S.M. Allen again being the marksman.

The teams were as follows—
Officers—Lt. Lincoln; Lt. Fitz G. Donles, Lt. Carson; Capt. Campbell, Capt. Good, Lt. Wilson; Capt. Crook, Lt. Drummond; Capt. Frizelle, Lt. Harris and Lt. Radcliffe.
Sergeants—Sergt. Major Corry; Sergt. Downing, Sergt. Hayden; Sergt. Davis, C. Q. M. S. Kerr; Lt. Sergt. Allen; Sergt. Lawrence, C. S. M. Allen; Sergt. Ferguson, R. S. M. Henniker and Sergt. Adams.

TO TOUR GERMANY

Corinthian F.C., subject to the permission of the F.A., are to tour Germany during the Easter holidays and play in Hamburg on Good Friday and probably at Bremen and Cologne on the following days.

Brouillard, very wisely took the opportunity of sizing up his future opponent. It is doubtful whether he saw very much to enlighten him, however, for McAvoy was never all out.

Both McAvoy and Dave Lumsdansk were naturally delighted, though the latter admitted that the wild rushing of Smith made McAvoy look a little flustered.

"He certainly was not the same McAvoy that beat Risko," said Lumsdansk. "However, he will be O.K. for Lewis. I hear Lewis left the stadium thinking he has got a soft 'touch,' which he certainly has not."

Two well-known boxing managers said: "McAvoy will knock out Lewis, who really does not know half as much of the science of the game."

Jimmy Johnston's Hopes

Jimmy Johnston, who hopes to build McAvoy up to become world heavy-weight champion, was very eulogistic over McAvoy. "The Englishman is all he should be," he said. "Pete Reilly, manager of Freddie Miller, the world feather-weight champion, confirmed this opinion. He added that he was taking Miller back to England this summer."

"We are going back for another good-time," he said. "They liked us last time, and we like them."



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Bankers' Confident Outlook

In the speeches of Mr. Colin Campbell to the shareholders of the National Provincial Bank and of Mr. Beaumont Pease at the annual meeting of Lloyds Bank last month there was evident the same confident belief in the continued internal prosperity of Great Britain as marked earlier bank meetings. Talk of saturation-point in home industry and consumption is no longer in favour. The remarkable record of the past year in increased employment, higher profits to companies, and in the readiness shown by the investor to encourage industrial expansion, forbids the assumption that the limit of home consumption has been touched. Any such theory would be a denial of hope to the distressed areas. Mr. Beaumont Pease devoted a passage in his speech to refuting the idea that rationalisation has made the banks less sympathetic to local needs. While the banks cannot on principle provide permanent capital for industry, since their first duty is the safe custody of the depositor's money, he gave an assurance that "the banks will be sympathetically anxious to play their part in any scheme falling within their scope." Mr. Colin Campbell expressed the same thought in saying that there could be no prosperity for bankers unless industry's productive power were actively employed.

With the home position so markedly better, banking is showing a revival of courage. In one passage of his speech Mr. Colin Campbell regretted the continuance of the ban upon foreign loans, in the absence of which there cannot be a full revival of foreign trade. With the rise in commodity prices, as he pointed out, some of the countries that used to be large borrowers are again becoming credit-worthy. The number, it must be allowed, is small, and after the experience of the last few years lenders would be justified in exercising extreme caution. Mr. Beaumont Pease stated the real difficulty in observing that so long as the present restrictions on trade continue, and payment for goods surmounting these barriers is denied or delayed, there can be no great alteration in the existing amount of foreign business. Impatience with these hindrances to advance is natural enough, but is tempered by progress within the sterling group. Higher prices for many raw materials are helping the Dominions and India and increasing their purchasing power. It is to these countries that the bankers will look first in extending the financial assistance they are eager to offer.

Less anxiety has been manifested at this year's bank meetings to repel the suggestion that the work of the banks should be taken over by the State. The recent General Election made any such transfer less a question of practical politics than it has ever been. A people whose own deposits in banks, building societies and similar institutions have grown to enormous figures is not to be convinced that what is bad business for the banks can be sound business for the State, or that the present system is not capable of meeting every legitimate demand. At the end of another year the British banking system can safely feel that it is as firmly established in public estimation as the balance-sheets show, its resources have largely increased, and an unprecedented sum in

H.K. SINGERS

Pleasant Ceremony
Last Night

PRESENTATIONS MADE BY
LADY SOUTHERN

A pleasant ceremony took place last evening at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, when Lady Southern made presentations, on behalf of the Hong Kong Singers, to Mr. A. S. King and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson Miller.

Mr. Anderson Miller, the Society's conductor, in introducing Lady Southern stated that though this was the first occasion on which the Society's President, Lady Southern, had been present at a rehearsal, the Society would like to thank her for the lively and personal interest which she had shown in its work. "It is obvious," he said, "that the Society would not be so healthy or happy if it had not been for her guidance. I am greatly impressed by the unanimity of opinion concerning Lady Southern, who is loved and respected by all classes and all nationalities."

Lady Southern, in the course of a short speech, said: "I am sorry to leave Hong Kong. It has been a delightful life here and I thank you for the many happy times I have had listening to you. I cannot think that there will be anything like the Hong Kong Singers in Cambodia; but I must admit I am longing to hear the tom-toms beating on a moonlit night."

Presentations were then made as stated and the recipients thanked the donors and Lady Southern.

FAREWELL TEA TO PROF. DIGBY

H.K. Medical Union
Function

The Hong Kong University Medical Society gathered in force yesterday afternoon at a tea party given in the Union Assembly Hall to bid farewell to Professor and Mrs. K. H. Digby, who are proceeding on seven months' home leave on Saturday. Mrs. Digby was presented with a basket of flowers.

The Chairman, Mr. L. A. Djon, said that they would miss Professor Digby during his leave. On behalf of the members he wished the Professor and his wife a very pleasant holiday and a speedy return.

Other speakers included Professor W. J. Gerrard, President of the Society, Dr. T. K. Lien, Dr. Lai Fuk, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Dr. E. L. de Souza, Dr. S. W. Phoon and Miss Cissy Wong.

Those present included Mr. K. W. Ooi, Hon. Secretary, Dr. Yang Lin and Dr. H. C. Tan. Professor and Mrs. Digby intend to return via Canada and the Pacific.

AU REVOIR PARTY TO MR. BOXER

Morrison Hall Warden
Going On Leave

In the University Union Mess yesterday afternoon members of the Hong Kong University Engineering Society said good-bye to Mr. S. V. Boxer, Warden of Morrison Hall, and Mrs. Boxer, who are going on leave on Saturday. Mr. Boxer is Vice-President of the Hong Kong University Christian Association. Among those present at the party were Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith, President of the Society, Mr. Y. K. Zea, Chairman, Professor F. A. Redmond, Mr. D. W. Morley and Mr. Y. L. Kuo, Hon. Secretary.

The Morrison Hall Club are holding a farewell tea party in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Boxer in the Union Assembly Hall at 4.30 this afternoon.

The Concert Party of the 1st Bat. Royal Ulster Rifles are presenting a good show entitled "The Revellers" at the Cheero Club to-day, commencing at 9 p.m. There is no charge for admission and all Servicemen are welcome.

deposits awaits profitable use. Further progress in the country's prosperity depends not, as is sometimes alleged, upon banking policy, since no financial machine creates real wealth, but on the readiness of the nations to produce and exchange their goods.

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

SCRIPTURAL QUOTATIONS

The voice of Sir John Reith, who dislikes the use of biblical quotations in broadcasts, is surely that of one crying in the wilderness.

Man shall not, we are told, live by bread alone. In future, apparently, comedians shall not exist solely on misplaced scriptural quotations.

Many people consider a clever comedian the salt of the earth. Should comedians adopt an "eye for an eye" policy and boycott the B.B.C., the programmes would be rendered infinitely duller than they are now.

Still, sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. The B.B.C. ban does not come into force just yet.

If it does, a comedians' boycott would not be likely to be effective. The B.B.C. holds the purse-strings, and with comedians, as with most of us, where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

All the biblical allusions in this paragraph would come under the B.B.C. ban.

EMMA GOLDMAN IN LONDON

Emma Goldman was lecturing in London recently. She is 66, and has been lecturing for 43 years without flagging. Like so many revolutionaries whose autobiographies sell well, she lives on the Riviera.

Her Russian-Jewish parents took her to the United States as a child of twelve. In 1919 she was deported to Russia along with a number of other revolutionaries, in the S.S. Berford, called at the time the Soviet Ark.

In Russia she was bitterly disillusioned and has subsequently let fly at the Bolshevik bosses in as spirited a way as, in her Chicago days, she did at Capitalist ones.

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Iron Rations
Bully beef, it is stated, is never issued to the troops in round tins. This, of course, is to ensure that they get a good square meal.

WHAT THE LOCARNO PACT MEANS EARLY BEGINNINGS RECALLED

ADDED GUARANTEE FOR PEACE
OF EUROPE

(By Sir Austen Chamberlain)

THE people of England are sometimes invited in certain quarters to repudiate the Treaty of Locarno. The invitation is addressed to them in the name of Peace: Locarno, it is said, places the direction of British policy in the hands of France and our Army and Navy at the service of French policy.

It involves us — so that argument goes — in quarrels in which Britain has no conceivable interest, and exposes us to dangers from which, but for this unhappy entanglement, we should be completely immune.

The integrity of France and of Belgium, it is urged, is no concern of ours; we are not interested in the existence of the demilitarised zone; we will not stir a finger to save the Polish Corridor. These are not British interests, yet for each and all of these the Treaty of Locarno would oblige us to fight. Thus our new Mentor in article and speech.

Guarantee To France

Before examining these assertions, it may be well to recall briefly the circumstances which gave rise to the series of treaties negotiated at Locarno in October, 1925, and signed two months later in London, after being submitted to and approved by the Parliaments of all the countries concerned in them.

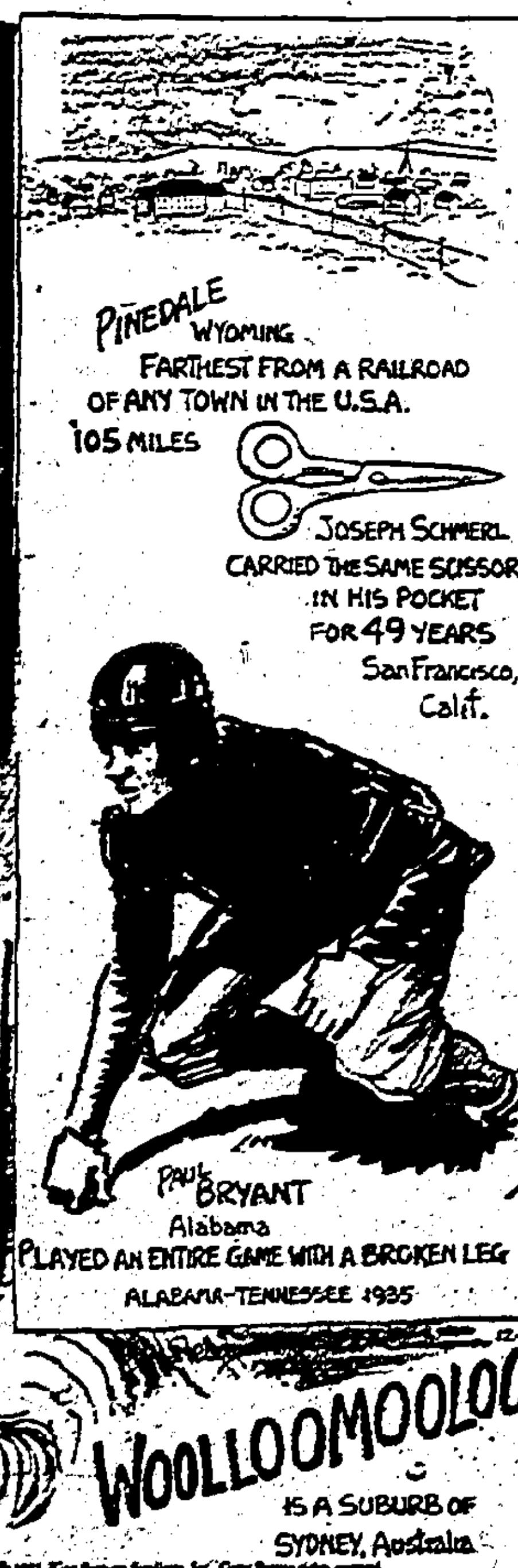
When the representatives of the Allied and Associated Powers met in Paris at the conclusion of the war to draw up the terms of peace, France, which had been twice invaded within the lifetime of them all, one-third of whose territory had been occupied and devastated by the enemy, and whose manhood had been decimated in the struggle, demanded the left bank of the Rhine as security for the future.

The representatives of Britain and America, determined not to create a new "Alsace-Lorraine," rejected this demand, but after prolonged negotiation offered France a treaty of guarantee as the price of the relinquishing it.

The British Parliament approved the guarantee, but made their acceptance of it dependent on the approval of the United States. The

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

FIRE AT FILM STUDIO

HUGE BLAZE AT DENHAM

BUT NO ONE INJURED

London, To-day. More than 25 engines from surrounding stations answered the district call yesterday afternoon to a fire at the film studios under construction for London Film Productions Limited at Denham, Buckinghamshire.

The flames shot through the roof to a height of 100 feet and dense volumes of smoke hung over the neighbouring countryside.

No films are in production at the studios, and consequently no one was injured. The damage is not yet known. — British Wireless Service.

STATEMENT OF CASE TO-MORROW

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M. Litvinoff asked whether the League would condone the promotion of the German objective of establishing a hegemony over the whole European continent. No country in the world desired to attack Germany. The people who interpreted the German offer of a non-aggression pact as love of peace forgot that the Locarno Treaty, which Germany had torn up, represented just such a pact.

Every country concluding a non-aggression pact with Germany would be immobilised in the event of Germany attacking a third State. Only when it was convincingly proved that their doubts and fears were groundless would they consider Herr Hitler's return to the League as a contribution to the cause of peace.

"Herr Hitler's proposals amount to a campaign against the peoples of the States I represent. I am ready to participate in the measures proposed by the Locarno Powers and those which are acceptable to the other members of the Council."

Dr. von Hoesch did not attend the meeting, pending instructions from Berlin. Reuter.

MR. EDEN'S PROPOSALS. An earlier message states that no reply had been received from Germany when the meeting of the Locarno Powers adjourned at 12.30 p.m. It is understood that Mr. Anthony Eden handed the delegates written proposals relating to the application of the provisions of Locarno in the present circumstances. The French delegates, including M. Flandin, met immediately to consider the proposals. The Powers decided to meet again at 10 p.m. when the discussions were expected to be protracted.

Mr. Eden, Lord Halifax (Lord Privy Seal), Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Lord President of the Council) and Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Chancellor of the Exchequer) attended the morning meeting. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

AUDIENCE OF KING

London: The King received in audience yesterday the Foreign statesmen attending the diplomatic and League meetings in London, including the French Foreign Minister, M. Flandin, the Belgian Premier, M. Van Zeeland, and the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck. His Majesty also received the Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Sir Robert Vansittart. — British Wireless Service.

DEFEATED ARMY DISBANDS

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NO INFORMATION. Rome: Official war bulletin No. 157 merely states that no changes have taken place on either front. — Trans-Ocean Service.

LONDON CONVERSATIONS

London: Conversations took place at St. James's Palace yesterday between the League Secretary-General and the members of the League Council regarding the meeting of the Committee of Thirteen in connection with the Italo-Abyssinian war. No definite arrangements have been

Three liners were delayed by fog off Waglan Island this morning. They were the Empress of Asia, from Manila, the President Coolidge, and the Sirdhana, all of which were carrying mails.

The R.M.S. Empress of Britain, on her round-the-world cruise, is due here from Manila on Friday morning. She will leave here for Shanghai on Wednesday next at 6 a.m. and will also visit Chinwangtao, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Balboa, Cristobal and Havana.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, M.C., M.B.E.S. (Lon.), D.T.M. & H. (Eng.), J.P., will give the next lecture in First Aid at St. John Ambulance Headquarters on Friday next at 5.30 p.m.

The annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will take place at the Open Naval Recreation Ground, Causeway Bay, tomorrow at 5 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, will officiate.

The s.s. Corfu is due here from Singapore at 8 p.m. next Thursday.

A dinner dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel to-day, at 8.30 p.m.

The fortnightly whist drive of the Craigengower Cricket Club will be held on Saturday at 9 p.m.

The R. A. Sergeants' Mess fortnightly whist drive and tombola will be held in the premises of the above mess on Friday next at 8.45 p.m.

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association, Professor L. Forster continued his course of lectures at the Tang Chi Ngong School of Chinese Studies yesterday afternoon, taking as his subject: "The Renaissance in Europe and the Renaissance in China." A comparison of their significance in Educational Policy.

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday afternoon of Mr. Colin Kai-leung Lee, civil engineer, of 111 Leighton Hill Road, and Miss Sylvia Peter Chong, of 33 Tai Po Road, Shamshuipo. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Lee Chin-pang, merchant, and the bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Peter Chong. Mr. M. J. Abbott, Deputy Registrar, officiated and the witnesses to the ceremony were Mr. David W. K. Au and Mr. A. L. Cunningham.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Edward Vincent Morris, police officer, and Miss Gertrude Julian, of 53 Wyndham Street; Mr. Edward Palmer, Shipmaster, s.s. Silvercypress, and Miss Anita Garibaldo Fischer, stenographer, of 34 Romero Salas, Manila and now residing at Peninsula Hotel; Mr. Helmut Lanz, merchant, of 9 Corbett Road, Chefoo, and Miss Elsie Cathrine Otter, of Tsinanfu; Mr. Carlos Antonio Noronha, of 18 Hillwood Road, and Miss Regina Maria Ribeiro, residing at 14 Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon.

Two cases of diphtheria only were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended last Monday.

One case of small-pox, six cases of diphtheria (one imported), with three deaths, one of scarlet fever, 11 of typhoid fever (one imported), with two deaths, one of chicken-pox and five of cerebrospinal fever, with one death, were reported as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday last.

A Coroner's inquiry into the death of eight persons, who were killed in the disastrous collapse of houses at Woosung Street, Yaumati, on February 19, was opened by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon. After evidence had been heard, the proceedings were adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on Thursday. The jury comprised Messrs. O. B. Payne (Foreman), A. Krilovsky and Ip Fuk-ling.

made, and there will probably be further discussions before the meeting is fixed. — British Wireless Service.

PRETTY SOCIETY WEDDING

Prophet—Knill

LADY HOCKEY INTERPORT MARRIED

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, this afternoon when Miss Helen Mary Knill, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cutcliffe Knill of Exeter, Devon, became the bride of Mr. David Lamb Prophet, of Messrs. Linstead & Davis, the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Prophet of Wormit, Fifeshire.

The Rev. Mackenzie Dow officiated.

The Bridal Gown

Given away in marriage by the Rev. G. E. S. Updell, the bride made a very pretty picture in her beautiful bridal gown of snow-white Albene, gracefully moulded to the figure and extending into a long dove-tail train trimmed with tiny rings of white heather and orange blossoms. She wore her mother's bridal veil of Brussels net which was held in position with a wreath of orange-blossom buds. The gown was made by Eunice.

The bridesmaids, the Misses Maureen and Kathleen Moir, wore pastel-shaded period frocks in tulle, also by Eunice, and silver-lame coats and caps decorated with hand-made velvet violets in pastel shades. Muffs were carried, trimmed with the same flowers.

Mrs. C. B. Brown, who was the Matron of Honour, wore a dress of heavy jade green crepe with a brown picture hat, while Mrs. Updell wore a "Eunice" gown of marine-pink angel-skin satin and brown mink coat. A hat to harmonise and a corsage of African daisies in tones shades completed a most charming ensemble.

Masters Adrian Robertson and John Mackie, the train-bearers, wore kilts, while the duties of Best Man were discharged by Dr. H. C. Watson. The groomsmen were Messrs. D. Black, J. Forbes, G. Milne and T. P. Sanderson.

Reception At H. K. Hotel

After the Church ceremony a reception, given by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown, was held in the Hong Kong Hotel, when many friends gathered to offer their felicitations.

Mrs. Prophet left for her honeymoon, which is being spent in Fanning, in a rose ensemble of lilacine with brown and white trimming, and hat and shoes to match.

The bride's gift to the groom was a Rolex Oyster watch, while the groom presented the bride with a silver toilet set.

Miss Knill, who has been closely associated with ladies' hockey in the Colony, represented Hong Kong against Shanghai in the first Ladies' Interport, while Mr. Prophet is a familiar figure at the Jockey Club.

ROTARY MEETING

"Great Walls Of China"

PROF. MIDDLETON SMITH'S INTERESTING TALK

At the Rotary Club meeting yesterday Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, the speaker of the day, took as his subject "An Englishman Looks at the Great Walls of China" and made a telling comparison between the material Great Wall and the barriers of classical learning and tariff restrictions.

Professor L. Forster, President of the Club, who was in the chair, extended a welcome to the guests: Messrs. J. Leurquin, French Consul; M. C. Renner, Vice-Consul; T. T. Poon, Canton; H. Hutchen, Singapore; J. E. E. Markley, Iowa; A. R. H. Phillips, de Champeux; G. H. K. Lee, Kwok Chan and G. van Wylick, of Hong Kong.

In presenting the speaker, Professor Forster read a letter received from the Hon. Sir Thomas Southorn in which he thanked the Rotary Club for their message of congratulation on his appointment to the Governorship of British Gambia. The Colonial Secretary said he looked back on his association with the Club with much pleasure, and wished it every happiness, and success in the future.

To-day's Short Story

The Magic Stick

THE Great Padishah Sikandar Sur, Possessor of the Golden Sword and Holder of the Silken Umbrella, sat pensively on a soft cushion, his eyes fixed on the ceiling in a vacant gaze. On both his sides stood smartly dressed lads moving ostrich feather fans in large semicircles. The Sardars and Mankaris, clad in their picturesque costumes, squatted on the floor facing the Padishah, their hands clasped in front of their chests as a mark of veneration for their ruler.

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From his knitted eyebrows one could gather that the Padishah was in an agitated state of mind, for his fingers would constantly twitch at the generous beard that hung like a silver cascade, sometimes causing pain by the spasmodic jerks. His corpulent body, which on other occasions would indolently give itself up to the velvet seat, was restlessly shifting from side to side.

The Sardars spoke little—in fact, nothing at all beyond uttering the name of Allah occasionally, for that was neither interruption nor bad manners. Otherwise there was silence, it being common knowledge that "stitched lips" were the best policy when the Padishah was not in a good temper.

Sikandar Sur turned in his seat towards the first Sardar who sat on his right side. His lips quivered with rage as he roared, "And what happened then?"

The Sardar, rendered thoroughly out of wits by this sudden interrogation, fell prostrate on the carpet, his hands stretched out in front of him.

"We tried everything," he said nervously, "but Allah's wish seems to be different."

"Which means," snapped in the Padishah, "that you have failed in your duty. You who claim to be the most intelligent men from among my subjects."

"Our efforts do not seem to bear fruit, O great Ruler," pleaded the Sardar, "but do not call us traitors for being unsuccessful."

The Padishah spread his legs wide apart, bent his cumbersome body forward, and, placing his elbows on his knees, began snorting angrily.

"Not call you traitors," he said, now turning his eyes towards all the Sardars, "when my beloved necklace is missing? The very gift of my ancestors, a talisman that has kept us for generations on the throne! Hey!" he shouted, summoning the gendarmes who paced the floor menacingly at the rear of the Court Chamber. "Take this jabberer away. Lock him up in a dark dungeon. Many a fool begins to see clearly in the dark."

Shaken by this unexpected wrath on the part of their ruler, the courtiers' countenances turned pale. It might not be long, they thought, before every one of them would meet with the same fate for having failed to restore the traditional necklace.

Simultaneously they fell prostrate to the floor, pleading, "O Mighty Emperor, we implore you not to put our colleague in the dungeon, for it is hardly likely that he could have relaxed in the performance of his duties. We interrogated every servant in the palace, threatened them with hanging, even put them in manacles in mass, but they protest their innocence. All that lay within our power has been done. But if it is the wish of Allah that we should be unsuccessful, who are we, the sinning mortals, to contradict it?"

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QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS

Annual Meeting Of Association

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association was held last evening at the College, when the report and accounts were submitted and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

The total membership was stated to be 239, including 143 life members, two of whom, Mr. W. H. Yeung and Mr. Fung Ki-chau, were elected during the year.

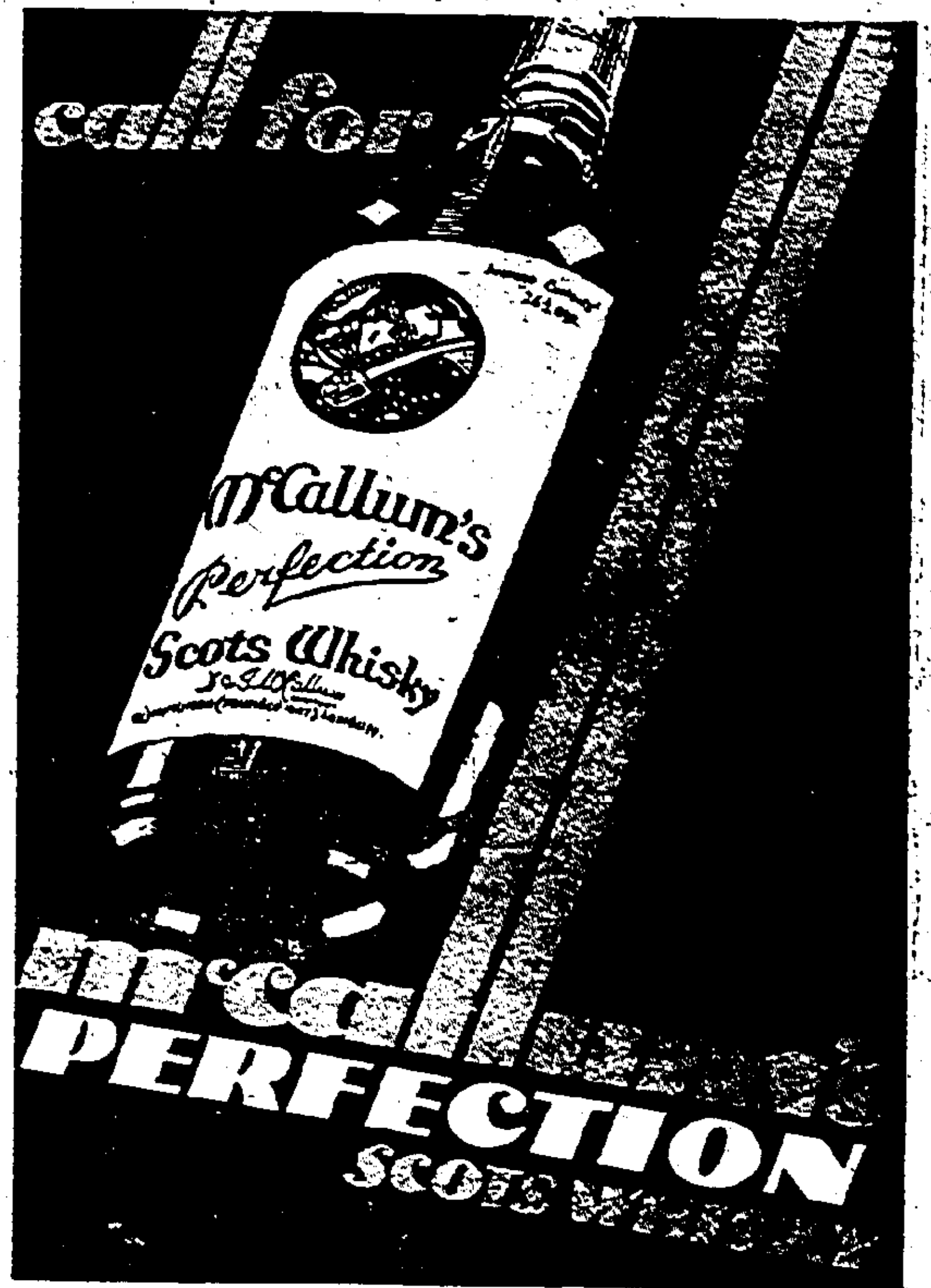
The credit balance of the Association was \$7,179.48, of which \$1,175 "is in the Bank of Canton which has suspended payment."

An annual dinner and sports took place, and were highly successful.

Among those present were the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Hu Pak-mi and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Kwok Yan. A list of the new office-bearers will be available to-day.

FOR MANILA AND JAVA

The following passengers sailed by the m.s. Tjopagara yesterday for Manila and Java:—Mr. P. Cassarino, Mr. J. D. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Berthold Guggenheim, Mr. H. de Colier King, Mrs. Francis Milbank, Mrs. J. E. Gardner, Mr. William Richter Ross, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morhaus, Miss L. J. Dunne, Miss M. Ross, Mr. L. M. Holmes, Mrs. L. M. Holmes, Miss A. P. Luckings, Miss E. I. Luckings, Mr. J. Dolman, Mrs. E. Fisher, Mrs. P. W. Dore, Mrs. A. Halsey, Mr. Deane H. Dickason, Mrs. Deane H. Dickason, Mrs. M. D. Mays, Mrs. H. O. Fain, Miss M. G. Carlin, Mr. A. Popelar, Mrs. C. S. Boswell, Miss E. Boswell, Mr. S. S. Steinhauer, Mrs. S. S. Steinhauer, Mrs. E. A. Weiss, Mr. Paul J. Friday, Mrs. Betty Burke, Miss Evelyn A. Dunn, Mr. John M. Hood Jr., Mr. John Hood, Rev. Bertha James.



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LOCAL APPEAL COURT

Echo Of Heroin Pills Case

ALLEGED INADEQUATE EVIDENCE

The Lower Court proceedings which culminated in Li So, alias Li Tat-shang being convicted and sentenced on charges of possession of heroin pills, possession of heroin, and possession of poison, had its sequel in the Full Court of Appeal yesterday when Mr. Leo D'Almada Jnr., instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby, appearing on behalf of the appellant, made an appeal before Mr. Justice Lindsell and Mr. Justice Hayden against the Magistrate's findings.

In support of his appeal, Mr. D'Almada said that on November 19, last, the appellant and three others were arrested at No. 15, Caroline Hill Road. The appellant was found in the outer room of that address and at least one of the others was in the back cubicle. In which was found "a heroin pill factory in full blast," as well as 35,000 heroin pills, a quantity of heroin and other drugs. At the Police Court proceedings which followed, the men were charged with possession of the heroin pills, possession of heroin, and possession of poison.

Accused's Statements

Reverting to the events on the night in question, Mr. D'Almada said that Revenue Officer Grimmitt went to the address at about 10 o'clock, where he found the appellant. Certain questions were put to the appellant by Mr. Grimmitt after he had placed him under arrest and, as a result, certain statements were made. In regard to the heroin pills, the appellant said: "The heroin pills did not belong to me," and so far as the dangerous drugs were concerned, the man said: "I did not know that matter; I went up to look for a woman."

Continuing, Mr. D'Almada said that the grounds for the appeal were:—

1. Wrongful admission of evidence by the Magistrate;
2. The Crown did not prove its case, that is to say the verdict was not supported by the evidence;
3. The Magistrate misdirected himself; and
4. The Magistrate assumed jurisdiction beyond that granted.

Fourth Point First

Counsel then asked permission to take the fourth point first, remarking that this was concerned with the sentence passed upon conviction of the appellant. This was allowed, but after a lengthy discussion Mr. Justice Lindsell said that it would be better that this particular point be left over in order to ascertain from the Superintendent of Prisons information as to how he would construe the sentences passed on the appellant.

Dealing with the first point, Mr. D'Almada submitted that the Magistrate wrongly admitted certain evidence and Counsel went on to say that the evidence to which he took exception, at the moment, was the statement made by the defendants after their arrest at Caroline Hill Road. Mr. D'Almada added that one of the points was whether or not the statements were elicited in such a way as could be approved by the Court.

In support of the second point, Counsel said that apart from the statements the only evidence against the appellant was that he was present in the flat, and he submitted that this was not sufficient to warrant conviction. The hearing is proceeding.

CANCELLATION OF ARTILLERY GUN PRACTICE

Coast Defence Artillery Practice with live ammunition, due to take place from Mount Davis Battery on March 24 (March 25—spare day), has been postponed until a date to be notified later.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LTD.

The local office of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, has received a telegram from the Head Office in London, advising that at the annual general meeting of shareholders a final dividend of 6 per cent. on the "A," "B" and "C" shares will be recommended (making

Green Island Cement Company Meeting

Pronounced Improvement In Cash Position

MACAO SITUATION CAUSES ANXIETY

A PROFIT for the year under review of \$22,552.27 was reported by Mr. J. H. Taggart, presiding at the annual general meeting of the Green Island Cement Company, Ltd., at the offices of the Company in Exchange Building this morning.

The Chairman was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. W. Scott Harston and Mr. Li Tse-fong (Directors) and Mr. T. C. Beck (Secretary).

The volume of the company's business in Macao had not shown an increase during the year under review and conditions in the Portuguese colony showed very little or no improvement. "Your Board feel that there is little hope of amelioration of the existing state of affairs and of our business in Macao regaining even a modicum of its former prosperity; in the circumstances, it may be necessary to consider permanent cessation of our activities in that port and the ultimate disposal of the plant," declared the Chairman when dealing with this question.

The following shareholders were present: Messrs. H. J. M. de Figueiredo, M. A. da Figueiredo, Fung Kwok-wa, C. A. L. Rickett, N. V. A. Croucher, E. M. Raymond, A. C. Botelho, H. A. Edgar, F. E. Silva, Soo Pui-chen and Mok Ying-kie.

The Chairman, in his review of the year, said:—

"You will note, on examining the Profit and Loss Account, that the profit on working for the year amounted to \$46,306.37, and, after providing for Directors' and Auditors' Fees, the final payment of compensation to Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., Bank Interest, Exchange differences, and deducting the amount brought forward at the debit of Profit and Loss Account for the year 1934, the profit for the period under review amounts to \$22,552.27, which your Directors recommend be carried forward to next year's account."

"In dealing with the figures for 1935, it is necessary for me to draw attention to the fact that no provision has been made for depreciation in the Accounts as presented; in this relation, shareholders will doubtless recollect that, when the Scheme of Reorganisation was undertaken by your Board, all plant and floating craft were written down to their estimated residual values at that time, disregarding the normal mechanical life of these Assets but giving full consideration to the necessity of reducing operating expenses to a prime cost basis. With this object in view, the declining Assets of the Company were written down to what was estimated to be their break-up values; therefore, the values at which these Assets now stand in the Balance Sheet, read in conjunction with the Reserves appearing on the contra side, in the opinion of your Board, preclude the necessity for further depreciation for some years to come."

Improved Cash Position
"Turning again to the Balance Sheet; I would make special reference to the very considerable improvement in the cash position of the Company, in which connection it will be observed that, whereas at the end of the year 1934, the overdraft with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was in the region of four lakhs, this indebtedness has not only been liquidated during the year, but we have been enabled to accumulate a credit balance of \$97,995.16 by the close of that financial period."

"You will also note an increase in the Company's General Reserve, which now stands at the substantial figure of \$937,498.68, the increase therein being mainly accounted for by the recovery of certain bad debts previously written off and amounting to \$25,350.44, together with profits accruing over and above written down values on disposal of the Old Plant and Machinery at Hok Un, \$50,000, the Deep Water Bay Property, \$9,546.65, and the Steam Lighter "Itha Verde," \$6,942.43."

Sale Of Old Plant
"The main item contributing to the augmentation of the Reserve resulted from the sale of the Old Plant at Hok Un, which was erected in 1905, and, having served the Company over a period of nearly 30 years, had outlived its normal life as an economical unit and reached a state of obsolescence. Moreover, it is the considered opinion of your Board that the

12 per cent. for the year, less income tax, \$10,000 written off landed and house property, \$25,000 contingency account, and \$174,000 carried forward to the 1936 account.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Irish Guards Parade In London

London, To-day.
In connection with St. Patrick's Day yesterday the Irish Guards held a military parade at Chelsea barracks, at which all the officers were presented with shamrocks. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

call that the major portion of this plant was laid down in 1925, and can still, therefore, be regarded as a useful and economical unit for the production of Cement; in the event of your Board effecting a decision to abandon operations in Macao, it is reasonably anticipated that no great difficulty will be experienced in realising the plant. In the meantime, expenditure at these Works has been reduced to a minimum, and steps are being taken—in the first instance—to sell all obsolete machinery and stores."

Japanese Competition

"Your Company again experienced intense competition from the sale of Japanese Cement in the Hong Kong market throughout the year under review, figures available displaying the fact that, while 97,468 tons of Cement were imported into the Colony during the year 1935, 79,126 tons came from Japan. In this connection, it is interesting, however, to note that the price of Japanese Cement has been increased of late, due presumably to the present re-lativ values of the Hong Kong dollar and the yen."

"We continue to supply a portion of the requirements of the Hong Kong Government, and we trust that, with the reduction of our prices, we may, in future, be accorded more support to our industry, particularly having regard to the fact that your Works employ some 1,500 hands and afford a means of livelihood to the *per capita* dependents, apart from being one of the largest power consumers on the mainland; under which circumstances, as has so often been stressed from this Chair, your Company materially contributes to the revenue of the Colony."

"I am pleased to be able to state that our export trade, principally to Malaya, has been well maintained during the past year, and the present exchange levels should enable us to improve our position in those markets."

"In September last, it became evident that, if your Company was to continue its operations and enter into further contracts, it would be necessary to make some provision for additional supplies of our principal raw material, namely, Limestone. Furthermore, your Directors have in mind certain important schemes under consideration, in connection with which your Company may be asked to give a guarantee as to the continuity of Cement supplies. Your Board felt, therefore, that it was inadvisable that our stocks of Limestone should be permitted to fall below one year's supply, and, in view of the satisfactory state of the Company's cash position, negotiations were entered into for a fresh contract, and I am pleased to say that arrangements have now been made for the supply of 100,000 tons of Stone at a price which, due to rates of exchange obtaining at that time, bears favourable comparison with previous contracts entered into for supplies of raw material. The action of your Board in this matter thus assures continuity of operation for some two years ahead."

Economy Measure

"In view of the somewhat difficult times through which your Company is passing, and in accordance with the strict policy of reducing expenditure as far as possible, your Board unanimously agreed that the remuneration of each Director should be reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,000 per annum, as from the beginning of the year 1935, and until such time as the Company's business justifies a reversion to the former rate."

"Before closing, I have to refer again to the matter of uncovered shares, of which 67,047 still remain to be issued; it would once more repeat the request made at the last annual meeting that shareholders in possession of this scrip will assist us by sending it in for conversion."

There being no further matters calling for comment, I now have pleasure in formally proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the financial year ended

LOCAL SCHOOL'S RECORD

Good Work Done By Mui Fong College

SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS GIFT

Some time ago the Board of Trustees for the Administration of the Indemnity Funds remitted by the British Government decided to make a gift of science apparatus to some of the biggest schools, both in China and overseas. It is learned that very recently a set of this apparatus for Chemistry and Physics was granted to the Mui Fong College in Hong Kong.

The Mui Fong College, established 19 years ago, is indeed worthy of favourable attention. Last month the girls again won the Championship of the Open Basketball League for the fourth year in succession. This month, their Girl Guides—the Sixth Hong Kong Company—have handed in the best Chinese essays in the competition for the S.P.C.A. Cup. This is the second time this Company has won this trophy.

In a circular recently issued by the Girl Guide Headquarters the following lines are found:—"The 6th Hong Kong should be congratulated on the best essays of the whole. The handwriting is good and neat and the essays very systematic and written in very good style."

C.R.C. MEETING

Financial Position Strong

TO START CRICKET AND LAWN BOWLS

The Annual General meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club was held at the Club premises last Saturday. Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, president of the Club, was in the chair.

Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Ng Sze-kwong remarked that the Club, financially, was very strong. Its fixed deposit at the Bank showed an increase of nearly \$1,500 as compared with last year. Mr. Ng Sze-kwong's motion that the Club should start cricket and lawn bowls next year was carried unanimously.

LOCAL ESTATE

Former Resident Leaves \$87,400

Local estate, valued at \$87,400, was left by the late Mr. Alfred Parker Stokes who died on June 7, 1935, in France. Application for the re-sealing of probate, by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, has been granted.

The application by Mr. D. L. Strellet for the re-sealing of probate, in the estate of the late Mr. Patrick Charles Inglis, who died in Shanghai on February 25, last, has been granted.

QUEEN'S THEATRE CHANGE IN PROGRAMME

Owing to the steamer conveying the films being delayed by fog, the picture "Four Hours to Kill" will not be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day. In its place the management has been able to acquire Kay Francis' latest starring success, "The Goose and the Gander."

WEATHER REPORT

An anti-cyclone of great intensity has developed over North China and the neighbouring seas; pressure is highest to the north of Shanghai. The depression has moved to the north of Hokkaido, and has deepened very considerably. North-east winds, fresh to strong; cloudy with mist, drizzle or light rain, was the forecast to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

the December 31, 1935, as presented."

Directors Re-elected
Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. T. E. Pearce were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposal of Mr. C. A. L. Rickett and seconded by Mr. Fung Kwok-wa. Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,000 each.

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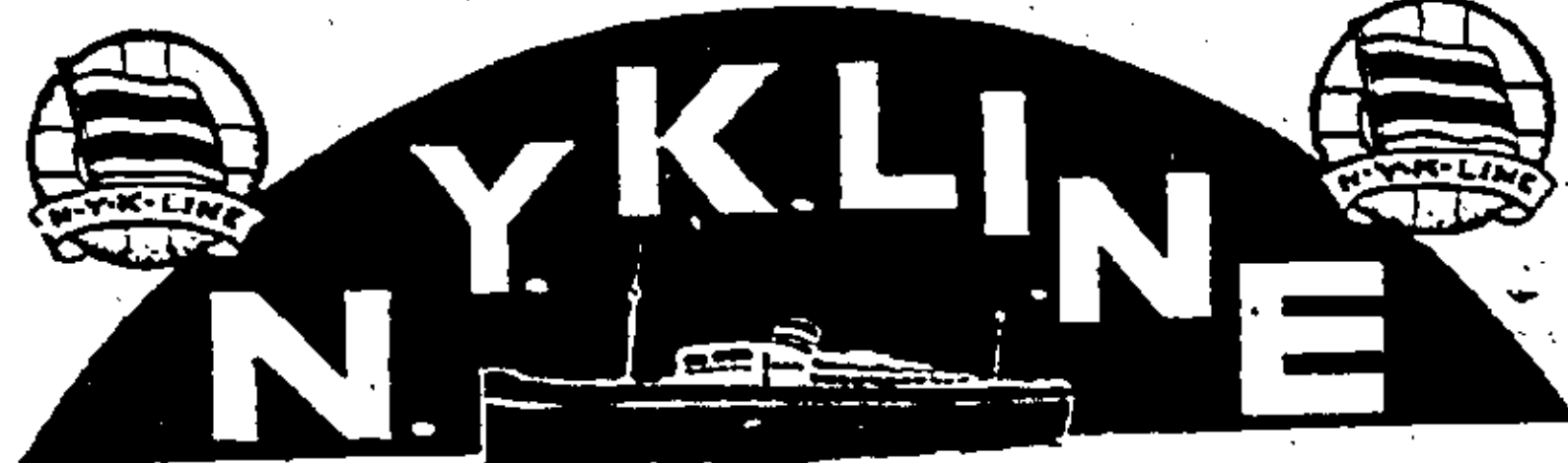
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One of the features of the cases dealt with by the Society for the Protection of Children during February was the low average monthly income per head of the families assisted, this being \$1.49. In all, 128 fresh cases were handled during the month, and at the end of February there were 774 cases under supervision.

These facts were reported at the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society, held on Monday, over which Dr. R. H. Kotewall presided. Of the new cases, 91 were in respect of poverty alone and 34 in respect of poverty and disease. In 92 of the cases, milk or other food was provided and in 20 cases medical treatment was obtained.

Finance

The financial statement for February showed that the net income after deducting expenditure was \$736.69. Receipts included a sum of \$2,500 transferred from the Women's Auxiliary, this being the result of Lady Southern's Hungry Baby Fund appeal, appreciation of which was expressed by the meeting.

It was reported that the concert given in aid of the Society at the Peninsula Hotel by the Hong Kong Choral Union and other artists yielded a net profit of \$296. The Committee expressed thanks to the organisers, the artists and the Hotel Company for free use of the Rose Room.

Mr. J. Middleton Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Boys' Club, was co-opted a member of the Society's Executive Committee.

The Committee considered at length the question of assisting the China Youth Society to secure a site for the purpose of extending its work, and also the possibility of sending boys to the institution. It was reported that the Society operates a small industrial school for homeless boys, who are paid for their work, which consists of the making of brooms, floor mops, soap and bamboo blinds and printing, and that there are at present 70 boys so engaged. These are also given lessons in Chinese. The matter was adjourned to a later meeting for the purpose of clearing up certain points on which information was desired.

Pending Departures

The resignation from the Committee of the Hon. Sir William Shenton, on his pending departure from the Colony, was accepted with regret. The Chairman paying a tribute to his services as a former Chairman of the Committee and a valued member. Appreciation was also expressed of the services rendered by Lady Shenton as Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary.

In view of the possible departure from the Colony of Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, the Chairman referred to his invaluable services to the Society, of which he was the founder, saying that the history of the Society was really the history of the work of Mr. Hazlerigg, who had been a real inspiration in all that he had done. A sub-committee (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)



Synthetic rubber was shown for the first time at the recent Berlin Motor Show. Our picture shows two tyres, the top one, of synthetic rubber and the other, of the natural article. Both were subjected to the same amount of wear and tear, and, as the photograph shows, the synthetic rubber article stood up to the test the better of the two.

The Magic Stick

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The Padishah calmed down slightly, and, assured of the honesty of the first Sardar by the whole Court, told the gendarmes to release the prisoner.

"I heard you say," Sikandar Sur remarked, "that you threatened the servants with punishment."

"Yes, O great Emperor."

"And they would not yield?"

"Not one."

"Did you say that the thief would be forgiven if he confessed at once?"

"We did, Our Lord."

"Did you say that the man who provides the clue would be handsomely rewarded?"

"The inducement failed."

"Am I to understand," he said, "that there is not one man in your kingdom who has the brains to run to earth the thief, and restore me my necklace?" His eyes moved passionately across the hall.

From behind the third row a young man with a straggling moustache rose up. Bending intermittently as he walked across the floor, for it was bad Court manners to rise thus, he took his stand in front of the Padishah.

"As sure as the clouds must pass and the sun be back in the sky, so must the necklace return into the palace to where it belongs," he said, adding, "and will the great Emperor give me a chance to find it?"

Sikandar Sur was amused by the daring of the man.

"Where others older than yourself have failed, you think you can succeed?" he asked in a scornful voice.

"Others older than myself have failed," he said humbly. "So I desire to be given permission to find it."

Sikandar Sur, half laughing at the tragedy-comedy, allowed the man his wish.

"But say," the Padishah stopped the youth, who was about to resume his seat. "By what name shall I address you?"

"My name is Wazir Akbar," he replied, "a third-class Sardar of the great Emperor's Court."

The two hundred and fifty servants of the palace of the Padishah stood in rows in the large hall. In front of them walked Wazir Akbar, carefully scrutinising the faces that confronted him. As his eyes leapt from one man to another he seemed mentally to calculate in whose possession the precious ornament lay.

"You have heard," he addressed them in a sombre voice, "that the great Padishah has lost his necklace. Can anyone tell me where it is?"

There were whispers of disaffection and resentful looks.

"We know nothing of it," they replied in unison.

"To anyone who provides information the Padishah will present a large sum of money."

But this bait had already failed. One of the servants answering:

"Who does not like to have that reward? But we know we should never get it."

Wazir Akbar folded his hands and began addressing them.

tee was appointed to decide the appropriate method of marking Mr. Hazlerigg's work for the Society.

Approval was given by the Committee to the painting of a small office in the Bank of East Asia building for the purpose of centralising the administrative work of the Society.

The great Padishah Sikandar Sur, Holder of the Golden Sword and Possessor of the Silken Umbrella, joyously declared, "I have found at last a man with brains in my kingdom. Wazir Akbar, henceforth you shall be my Minister for Justice."

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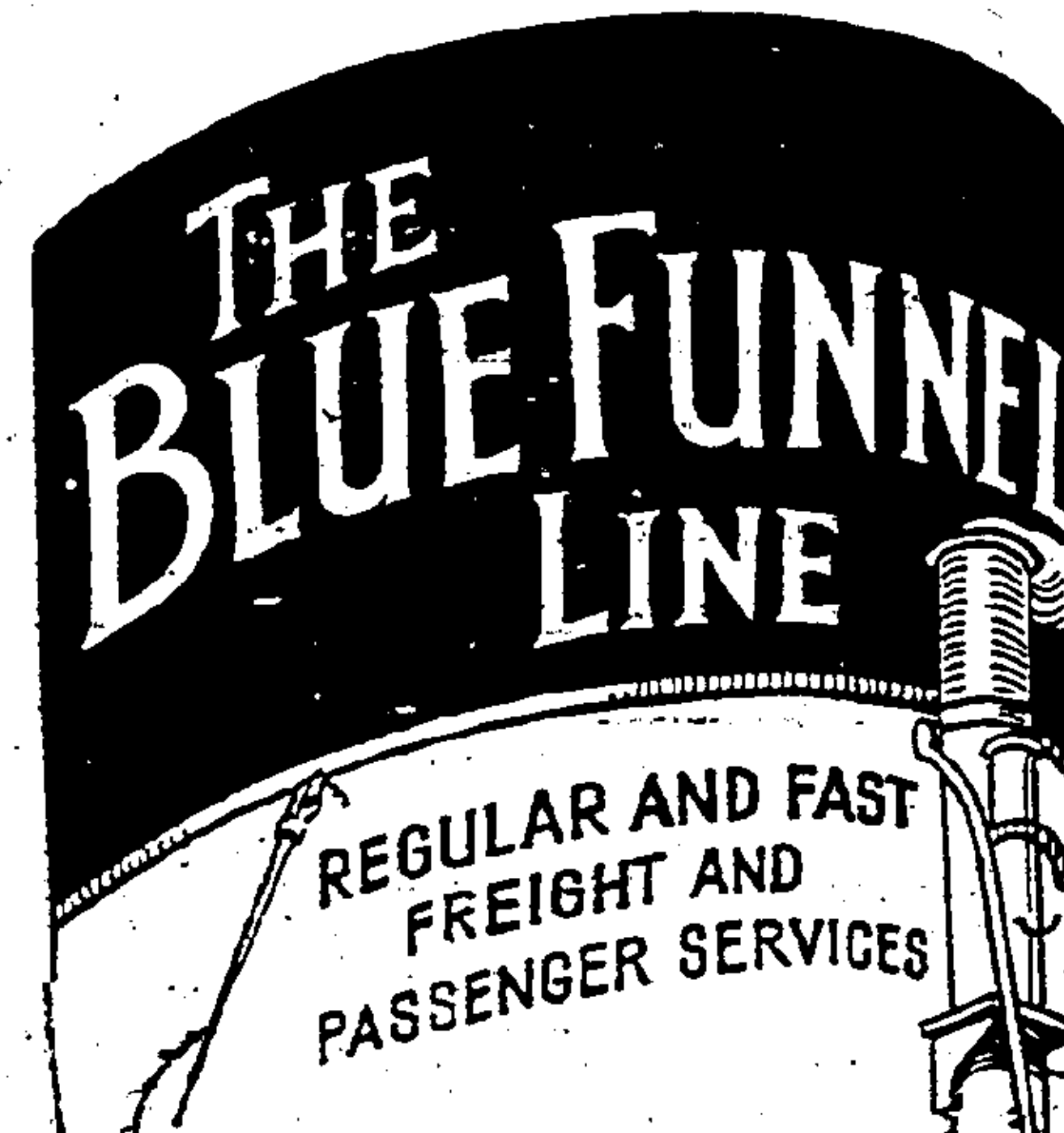
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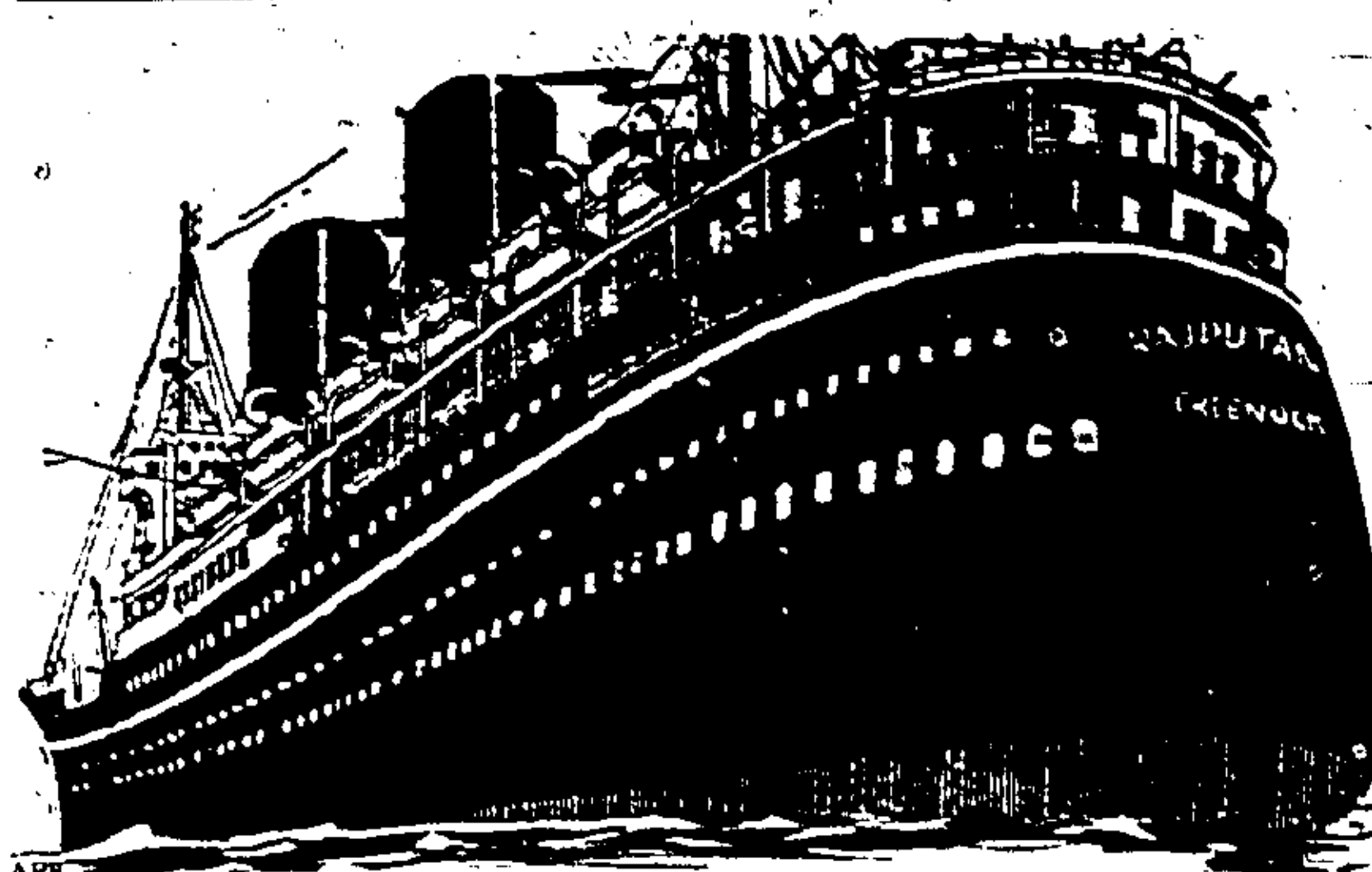
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7-25-738 p.m.—Four Songs by Danny Malone (Tenor).

1. Mother Machree (O'Connell).

2. Believe me, if all those endearing young charms (Moore).

3. Sweetest Roses (Brookes).

4. Sweetheart Darling (Stochart).

7-38-8 p.m.—Light Orchestra Music.

March of the Toys (Herbert).

Pan American (Herbert).

Waldfest Waltz Potpourri (arr. Silbermann).

Where my caravan has rested (Lohr).

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8-03-815 p.m.—The J. H. Squire Celeste Ode.

Andante Cantabile (arr. Willoughby).

Collette, Valse (Franz-Simon).

Memories of Devon (Evans).

8-15-830 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Talk on "Art in Everyday Life" by Evelyn Fullerton.

8-30-843 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano (by request).

8-42-9 p.m.—"Jubilee Dance Memories" by the New Mayfair Orchestra.

8-515 p.m.—A Recital by Gitta Alpar (Soprano).

1. Lakme (Delibes).

2. The Dumbary (Millock).

3. I give my heart (Millock).

8-15-830 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

8-30-845 p.m.—A Recital by Leslie Hutchinson.

1. I feel a Song coming on.

2. The Morning After ("Hands across the table").

3. Love is like a cigarette.

4. Dreaming a Dream.

5. This is no sin.

8-45-10 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Violin Recital by Victor Derenewsky accompanied by F. Gonzalez.

Programme

1. Romance Svensen.

2. Spanish Dance Sarasate.

3. Libellule Kreisler.

10 p.m.—Big Ben.

10-10-25 p.m.—Excerpts from "To-night at 8.30."

10-25-11 p.m.—Dance Music played by Jack Hyton and his Band.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

WHAT THE LOCARNO PACT MEANS

(Continued from Page 8)

guarantee, but in the then prevailing relations of France and England the idea was stillborn. Next year the Assembly of the League of Nations elaborated a Treaty of Mutual Assistance in the framing of which Lord Cecil took a great part. Lord Cecil, I think, at that moment represented the Government of the Union of South Africa presided over by General Smuts, but at Geneva he was generally regarded as expressing the mind of Great Britain.

Nevertheless, that Treaty was rejected by the Labour Government, which had succeeded Mr. Baldwin on the double ground that it would not, in fact, produce security, and that its acceptance would impose intolerable burdens on this country. The Dominion Governments equally rejected it.

In view of this rejection, the Assembly of 1924 set to work to devise a new scheme which might give the sense of security that was the necessary preliminary to any measure of disarmament by States which felt themselves threatened.

"Caps" To Be Filled

This time the "caps" in the Covenant were to be filled up, the aggressor was to be defined, every possible contingency was to be foreseen and provided for in advance and the obligations of the signatories were to be exactly stated. When the emergency arose, a majority of the Council would determine for every country what action it was its duty to take.

These proposals were embodied in a Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, usually referred to as the Protocol of Geneva. It was approved by the Assembly, at which the United Kingdom was represented by Mr. Henderson and Lord Parmoor, but before it could be considered by the Labour Government that Government was defeated and replaced by Mr. Baldwin's second Administration.

It fell, therefore, to Mr. Baldwin and his colleagues to determine the attitude of England towards it, and in so doing to decide its fate; for it was recognised on all hands that the Protocol could not survive refusal by Britain to assume the obligations and undertake the liabilities which it would have imposed upon us. Without the British Navy the Protocol was

useless to those who had devised it.

The Protocol met immediately with a very critical reception in the Dominions. It was felt in some that it menaced their Sovereign rights, in all that it imposed excessive liabilities and exposed them to unnecessary dangers.

Our Objections Stated

His Majesty's Government in England shared these objections, and in the following March gave expression to them in a carefully considered declaration to the Council of the League.

"The Protocol," they said, "purports to be little more than a completion of the work begun, but not perfected, by the authors of the covenant. But surely this is a very inadequate description of its effects. The additions which it makes to the original document do something quite different from merely clarifying obscurities and filling in omissions. They destroy its balance and alter its spirit."

"The fresh emphasis laid upon sanctions, the new occasions discovered for their employment, the elaboration of military procedure, insensibly suggest the idea that the vital business of the League is not so much to promote friendly co-operation and reasoned harmony in the management of international affairs as to preserve peace by organising war, and (it may be) war on the largest scale."

"It certainly seems to His Majesty's Government that anything which fosters the idea that the main business of the League is with war rather than with peace is likely to weaken it in its fundamental task of diminishing the causes of war without making it in every respect a satisfactory instrument for organising great military operations should the necessity for them be forced upon the world."

Any Alternative?

For these and other reasons, therefore, the Government of the United Kingdom, in full agreement with the Governments of the Dominions, declared their inability to accept the Protocol. Was no other course open to them? A mere negative, without the suggestion of any alternative, would have been disastrous.

Germany had not complied with the disarmament conditions of the Treaty of Versailles, and France was determined not to evacuate the occupied territory unless some

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Britain's New Effort

It appeared to His Majesty's Government, examining the situation, that

"the brooding fears that keep huge armaments in being have little relation to the ordinary misunderstandings inseparable from international (as from social) life—misunderstandings with which the League is so admirably fitted to deal. They spring from deep-seated causes of hostility which for historic or other reasons divide great and powerful States."

"What is feared is not injustice but war—war deliberately undertaken for conquest and revenge. And if so, can there be a better way of allaying fears like these than by adopting some scheme which should prove to all the world that such a war would fail?"

Rejecting, therefore, the Protocol, with its universal application and its incalculable liabilities on the one hand, and feeling on the other that it was equally impossible after all that had passed, to revert to the ideas of 1919 and 1922 and to revive the project of an alliance with France and Belgium directed against Germany, the British Government determined to try what could be made of a suggestion which had reached them from Government whilst they were engaged in their consideration of the Protocol. In this they thought they detected the basis of a possible agreement, uniting Britain, France, Germany and Belgium in a common determination to maintain the peace of the West.

Remedy For Ills

Their decision was announced in the following words:

"Since the general provisions of the Covenant cannot be stiffened with advantage, and since the 'extreme cases' with which the League may have to deal will probably affect certain nations or groups of nations more nearly than others, His Majesty's Government conclude that the best way of dealing with the situation is, with the co-operation of the League, to supplement the Covenant by making special arrangements in order to

meet special needs.

"That these arrangements should be purely defensive in character, that they should be framed in the spirit of the Covenant, working in close harmony with the League and under its guidance, is manifest."

"And, in the opinion of His Majesty's Government, these objects can best be attained by knitting together the nations most immediately concerned, and whose differences might lead to a renewal of strife, by means of treaties framed with the sole object of maintaining, a between themselves an unbroken peace. Within its limits no quicker remedy for our present ills can easily be found nor any surer safeguard against future calamities."

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BRITAIN'S AIR DEFENCES

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He explained that as a result of the modification of the programme announced last May in the light of developments abroad, the Metropolitan Squadrons would ultimately be increased to 129, with a first-line strength of approximately 1,760, and a further 12 Squadrons would be formed for duties overseas. By the end of the next financial year the first-

line strength of the Royal Air Force would have been doubled in the short space of two years. He did not think any fighting service had ever been set a comparable task in a time of peace. In his review of civil aviation, Sir Philip Sassoon stated that in connection with the plans for a trans-Atlantic service, the aim was to make an experimental beginning this year, if possible, and at the latest early next year the British Wireless Service.

"MUI TSAI" SYSTEM IN HONG KONG

DESIRE FOR DETAILS OF COMMISSION

RESOLUTION TO MAKE CIVIL SERVICE LESS COSTLY

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. Jose Pedro Braga, O.B.E., pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

1. Will the Government communicate to the Council any information in its possession concerning the telegraphed report, dated London, March 6, 1936, that Mr. J. H. Thomas has decided to despatch a Commission of Enquiry from Britain to Hong Kong to further investigate the 'mui tsai' system?
2. Will the Government inform the Council whether—
(a) the report is true;
(b) if true, at whose expense the Commission will be proceeding to Hong Kong; and
(c) if it be at the Colony's expense, will His Excellency the Governor forthwith protest against the imposition of any further expenditure on local taxpayers in presence of the Colony's unbalanced Budget for the current financial year?

MOTIONS

The Colonial Treasurer to move the following resolutions:—
1. That this Council approves under Section 3 (2) of the Hong Kong Dollar Loan Ordinance, No. 11 of 1934, of the following transfers in the Schedule as amended by the resolution of 16th May, 1935.

- Item No. 2.—Shing Mun Valley Water Scheme from \$10,043,531 to \$10,443,530.
- Item No. 4.—New Gaoi at Stanley from \$4,631,000 to \$4,500,000.
- Item No. 5.—Tyam Tuk Catchwaters from \$800,000 to \$720,000.
- Item No. 6.—Airport Development from \$885,000 to \$875,486.
- Item No. 8.—Other Public Works from \$279,823 to \$10,338.
2. That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$5,223,077.82 on the various items of Loan Works as enumerated below during the financial year 1936, which sum shall be met from surplus balances pending the issue of a further loan.

SCHEDULE

Head 2.—Shing Mun Valley Water Scheme.	
(b) 2nd Section.	\$1,800,000.00
(3) Gorgo Dam.	300,000.00
(5) 2nd "24" Trunk.	300,000.00
(6) 3rd Rapid Gravity Filters.	250,000.00
Head 3.—Vehicular Ferry.	62,022.51
Head 4.—New Gaoi at Stanley.	2,600,000.00
Head 5.—Tyam Tuk Catchwaters.	59,751.17
Head 6.—Airport and Sea-plane Slipway.	151,304.14
	\$5,223,077.82

OTHER MOTIONS

The Attorney General will move—
1. That the amendment to the Market by-law made by the Urban Council under section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 13 of 1935, on January 7, 1936, be approved.
2. That the amendment to the Scavenging by-law made by the Urban Council under section 4 (iv) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, on January 7, 1936, be approved.
3. That the amendment to the General and Licensing by-laws made by the Urban Council under sections 2 and 4 of the Hawkers Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 22 of 1935, on January 7, 1936, be approved.

FIRST READINGS

The Attorney General will move the First reading of—
"A Bill to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932."
"A Bill to amend the Stonecutters Island Ordinance, 1889."
"A Bill to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1932."
"A Bill to regulate the Deportation of Undesirable British subjects."
"A Bill to make provision for a levy on the salaries of public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service."

SECOND READINGS

The Attorney General will move the Second reading of—
"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to Telecommunication."

"A Bill to amend the law relating to the capacity, property and liabilities of married women and the liabilities of husbands."
"A Bill to amend the law relating to alcoholic liquors."

RESOLUTION

The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam will move the following resolution:—
"That in the opinion of this Council the Colony cannot afford to maintain so large and costly a Civil Service as now exists, and that the Government should take immediate steps to effect all possible retrenchments in the same."

NEGOTIATIONS IN CAIRO

PARLEYS CONTINUE SLOWLY

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day. The Anglo-Egyptian negotiations are proceeding slowly. The military demands of England, which at first seemed excessive by Egypt, have been slightly modified and it is regarded as certain that an agreement on this point will now be reached, as regards the strength of the British garrison in Alexandria, Cairo and other towns. Greater difficulties seem to exist regarding the strength of the Egyptian Army and the reduction of the British one.

Both sides consider the Sudan question, which has as yet not been touched, exceedingly difficult. In general the possibility of reaching a mutually satisfactory solution of all the problems is regarded somewhat pessimistically by British circles, whereas on the Egyptian side goodwill seems to be present, although it is admitted that the obstacles in the way are very great.—Trans-Ocean Service.

NEW GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY RECOGNISED

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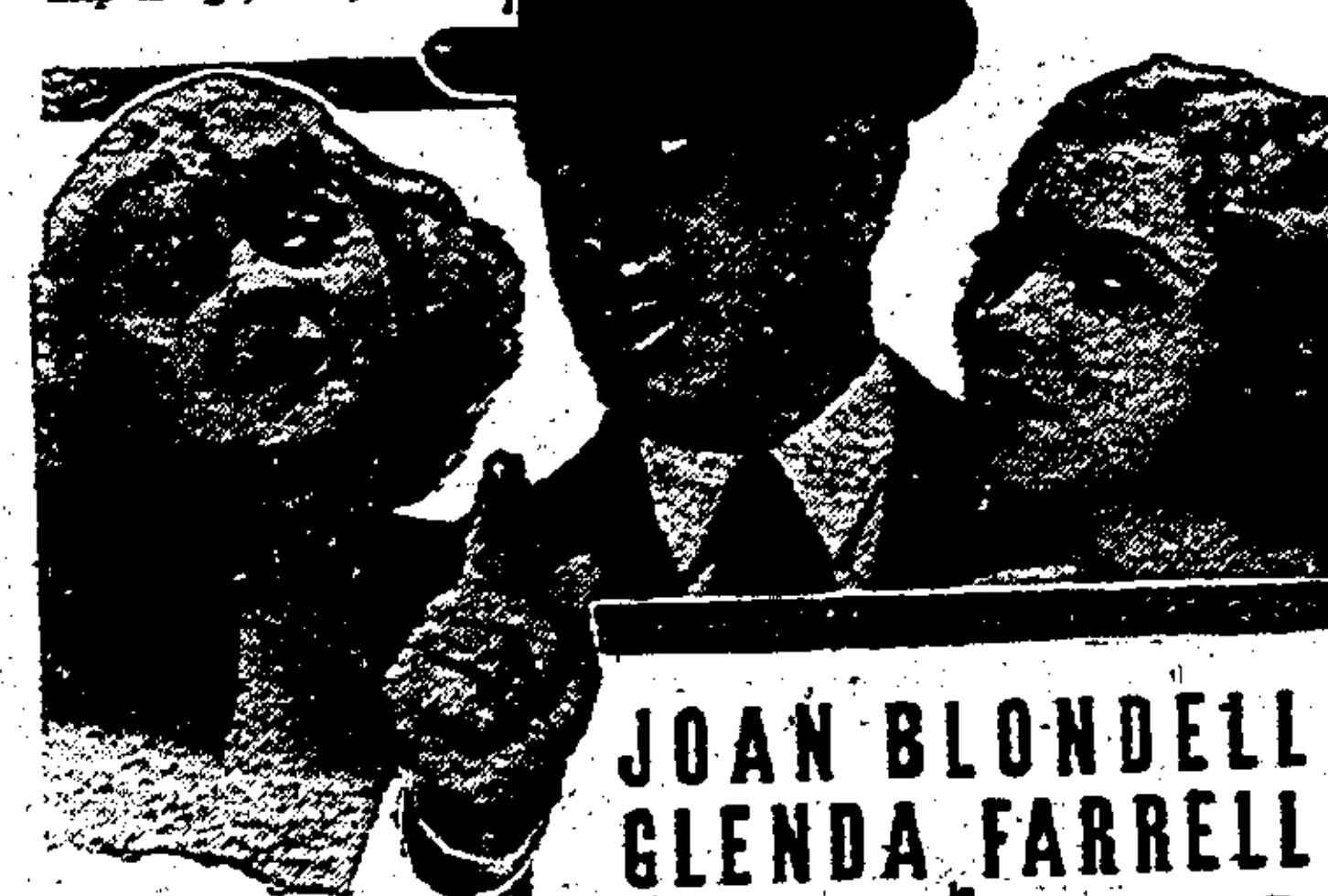
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